Select Board Committee on Tree Protection  
Wednesday, Jan 24, 2018  
Select Board Hearing Room 8:00 AM  
Meeting MINUTES

**Committee Members Present:** N. Heller, K. Goldstein, C. Batchelor, R. Murphy, R. Schnoor, L Erdman, H. Bohrs  
**Committee Members Absent:** B. Cook  
**Staff Present:** P. Ditto, T. Brady  
**Public Present:** H Mattison

**AGENDA REVIEW/MINUTES**

_H. Bohrs moves approval of 12/6/17 minutes. C. Batchelor seconds. All in favor. 4-0_

_R. Schnoor moves approval of 1/3/18 minutes. H. Bohrs seconds. All in favor. 4-0_

(K. Goldstein, L. Erdman arrived at this time)

**DISCUSSION OF LATEST DRAFT OF REVISIONS TO STORMWATER REGULATIONS**

T. Brady had circulated by email this week a red-lined version of changes to proposed revisions based on discussion at our 1/3/18 meeting.

P. Ditto explained there are 2 changes DPW will be proposing to Section 5 (“Design Requirements and Performance Standards”) beyond the E&S Plan revisions this Committee is considering: 1 Referring to NPDES specifically and 2. Clarifying that the DPW Commissioner is the party to make decisions for DPW.

P Ditto then led the Committee through other changes in this draft which are based on our 1/3 meeting.

(T. Brady arrived at this time)

Some discussion points

In definition of DBH add “at.” DBH abbreviations should not have periods.

Consistently identify protected tree trigger as “8” DBH or greater.”

32” DBH or greater. So one protected tree alone is a trigger

Clarify that if tree removal is the only jurisdictional trigger, the work qualifies as a minor project.
Consistency between tree removal provisions under minor and major projects?

8 becomes 5.

Replace first “located: with “identified.”

“Stripping and clearing” of vegetation? Of topsoil? Of asphalt? ??

Enforcement: “ set forth” who does the planning? Tom: we always ask them to make a plan first. So enforcement could be “give me a plan.”

H. Bohrs moves that the Committee incorporate the changes as discussed today recommend it as a warrant article for Spring 2018 Town Meeting. K. Goldstein seconds. All in favor. 6-0.

T. Brady and P. Ditto will incorporate changes and check with R. Schnoor and notes from today’s meeting. Draft will be submitted to Town Counsel.

Next Meeting is Feb 8.