

TOWN OF WINCHENDON

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Town of Winchendon
Public Hearing
FY20 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

Monday, June 24, 2019 at 6:35 p.m.
Winchendon Town Hall
2nd Floor Auditorium

The Winchendon Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 6:35 p.m. at the Winchendon Town Hall, 2nd Floor Auditorium, 109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA, to receive input on the Winchendon Stormwater Program (NPDES).

The EPA nationally regulates the discharge of stormwater runoff that is transported into local waterbodies through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater program. In Massachusetts, EPA Region 1 and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) jointly administer the stormwater program. All Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (Small MS4s) in Massachusetts, including the Town of Winchendon, are required to comply with the program requirements outlined in a General Permit in order to be authorized to discharge stormwater by EPA and MassDEP. Winchendon is newly regulated under this program as of July 2018.

The NPDES stormwater program is comprised of six Minimum Control Measures (MCMs), which are outlined on the next page. The Town must implement specific policies and procedures under each MCM to help reduce pollution in local waterbodies. Additionally, there are requirements to address specific pollutants found in stormwater where waters are not meeting water quality goals or designated uses (e.g., fishable, swimmable) under the Clean Water Act. In Winchendon, this means reducing the levels of total phosphorus and bacteria in stormwater runoff.

In September 2018, Winchendon submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to EPA and MassDEP requesting authorization to discharge stormwater through the Town's drainage system and into local waterbodies. EPA authorized Winchendon in April 2019. A Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) has been drafted to summarize Winchendon's plan for compliance with the NPDES stormwater program and must be finalized by June 30, 2019.

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Any agency or individual who wishes to be heard on this matter will be given the opportunity. If unable to attend, please submit your comments in writing to the Town Manager's office prior to the hearing. The meeting room is handicap-accessible and special accommodations will be attempted upon request to the Selectmen's Office at (978) 297-0085 prior to the meeting.

*Audrey LaBrie, Chair
Board of Selectmen*