

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cape Elizabeth Town Council
FROM: Ordinance Committee
DATE: September 15, 2020
SUBJECT: Vernal Pool Referral

Introduction

The Town Council referred to the Ordinance Committee a review of vernal pool regulations at the February 10, 2020 meeting, in response to a citizen request.

Committee review

The Ordinance Committee discussed vernal pool regulations at the August 5, 2020 and September 2, 2020 meetings. At the August meeting, the committee heard from the public and reviewed state and local wetland and vernal pool regulations. At the September meeting, the committee heard a presentation from Aram Calhoun, Jess Jansujwicz and Jeff Rodriguez about an optional Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) program for vernal pools.

Recommendation

At the September 2, 2020 meeting, the Ordinance Committee voted 3-0 to make the following recommendation:

The Ordinance Committee recommends that the Town Council take no action at this time and revisit at a future date to the extent of the Comprehensive Plan growth areas are changed or amended.