

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO.: C(6)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2011

TITLE: NPDES Permit Renewal Notice of Public Comment

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: PATRICIA MCGUIRE, 918-7327 RANDY DODD, 918-7326

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this agenda item is to inform the Board and public that the North Carolina Division of Water Quality has issued a draft renewal of the Town's NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit.

INFORMATION:

The Town has been operating under a federal stormwater permit administered by the State for the past five years. The permit has expired and is in the process of being reissued. Note that at this stage public comment is being sought by the State and not by the Town. The NC Division of Water Quality (DWQ) invites public comment on, or objections to, the reissuance of Carrboro's NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit. Persons wishing to comment are invited to submit their comments in writing to the listed addresses no later than March 18, 2011. All comments received prior to that date will be considered in the final determination regarding permit actions. All comments and requests should reference the specific permitting action and permit number. Eighty-nine local governments across North Carolina have applied to renew their individual NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit to discharge stormwater to receiving waters of the State within the local government's jurisdictional area from their Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4). The list of the 89 local governments and the Fact Sheet and the individual draft permits (including Carrboro's) can be viewed by visiting http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/ws/su/current-notices/-/journal_content/56_INSTANCE_y9Oq/38364/2301550. Additional information is available by following this link.

Town staff will be reviewing the draft permit in the next several weeks and may consider drafting comments for the Town to submit in response to the permit. NCDWQ anticipates that a final permit incorporating public comment will be issued in May, 2011. One requirement of the permit for the Town will be to seek public input on a Stormwater Management Plan that implements the provisions of the permit. Town staff anticipate drafting this plan for review in the fall of 2011.

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT:

There is no staff or fiscal impact associated with this notification. Staff anticipate an impact associated with additional requirements under the reissued permit, and will be working in the coming months to develop a Stormwater Management Plan to plan for these impacts.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend that the Board adopt the attached resolution.