

New Hartford Stormwater Committee Report

Meeting Date: 26 September 2011

Butler Hall

Called to Order: 7:05 pm

Adjourned 8:23 pm

Committee Attendees: S. Perry, S. Donachie, J. Carucci, J. McMillan, R. Sherman, E. Degironimo, O. Massoud, B. Sanders.

Public Presentations

Several Town residents attended and presented information on stormwater problems:

12 Taber Road, represented by the resident's attorney, reported several incidents of property damage from flooding, which was also reported in previous meetings of this Committee;

2 Woodberry Lane, a pipe in the side yard installed as part of the Woodberry project is collapsing and causing a hazard, also, basement drain is now backing up during storms;

Concerning this it was noted that the Town cannot act to correct this problem because of ongoing litigation.

17 Juniper Lane, a previously functioning French-drain and drainage-swale system has been blocked by grading for installation of a pool, resulting in regular flooding lasting several days in yards between Juniper Lane and Ironwood Road, affecting 17 to 23 Juniper Lane and 43 Ironwood Road.

Meeting Report for the August 22 Stormwater Committee Meeting

The report of the August meeting this Committee was reviewed, corrected, and approved by the Committee members. This record of the August 22 meeting will be made available on the Town web site.

Adjustment of Meeting Schedule

Committee members decided that the December meeting would not be held, since the meeting date, falling on December 26, the day after Christmas, would cause problems for attendance of some members.

Update on the Beechwood Project

Lis Degironimo said that at the last Town Board meeting Hunter Excavating had been awarded the contract for Phase 1 of the Beechwood Project. Finalizing of necessary easement documents was also expected. The bidding schedule for Phase 2 work on the retention basins was pushed back to allow for more competitive bids, as contractor schedules were full for fall work. This change would not affect the completion goal since the Phase 2 work could be done in the winter.

Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

Kristin Campbell presented an overview of the Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission (SCBIC) and its activities and goals. The Commission was formed in 2004 when an inter-municipal agreement was signed by the participating communities with shared interests in the Sauquoit Creek Basin. The signing communities are: the Village of New Hartford, the Town of New Hartford, New York Mills, Whitesboro, Whitestown, and Yorkville. The work of the Commission is funded by contributions from its member communities. Contributions are apportioned to each member community according to a funding formula adopted by the SCBIC. Member contributions provide for a 2011 budget of approximately \$36, 600 to facilitate activities benefiting Sauquoit Creek Basin and its residents. Targeted activities include stream channel maintenance and debris removal, stream bank stabilization, public education, mapping and modeling, as well as some larger construction projects. The inter-municipal participation also facilitates permitting required by the State for some kinds of projects.

Small Projects List

Updates were reported for several items proposed as meeting the criteria for small projects. For Sedgewick Park, easement documents are being completed and OCSWCD has provided a preliminary plan and hydrologic calculations to the County for its approval to outlet into the ditch at Valley View Road. Coordination with the County is also needed for the Himgham Road project. The County intends to repair two driveways and the ditch at Pleasant Street; final plans for County activities are not yet available. Rick Sherman noted that stormwater bond funds are not restricted to in-house projects, allowing the flexibility to contract some projects if Town crews are not able to schedule them.

Other items

The Committee will ask for clarification on procedures and requirements for a grading permit. The Town has retained Barton & Loguidice for engineering work and they are also reviewing the permitting process.

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