

STORMWATER GROUP
AGENDA/ MINUTES

16JAN08

5:30 PM

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Attendance:

Present

Hans Arnold

Frank Montecalvo

Ed DeSanctis

JoAnn Faulkner

Curt Nichols

John Meagher

Kurt Schwenzfeier

Liz DeGironimo

Dave Reynolds

Ken Lowell

R. Cleveland

Absent

Doug Peterson

R. Payne

AGENDA TOPICS

Presentation by Liz DeGironimo of her research in compiling mapping of various attributes of sub-basin areas in the Town

Update by OCS & W- Tilden Ave Stormwater Management and use of the Southern Reservoirs:

JoAnn Faulkner indicated that her office had prepared some preliminary analysis for the Tilden Ave drainage matter. She will do some refining of that information and will speak with the property owner on whose land the improvements would be installed to see if there is consensus. JoAnn further spoke about a recent meeting with the MVWA, attended by both herself and R. Cleveland, in which Don Weimer and Liz were also in attendance. Numerous issues including dam safety, access, security, cross connections, and maintenance were identified, and Mr. Weimer requested that the Town do a preliminary assessment on these issues. JoAnn will prepare. Once an assessment is done, Mr. Weimer will take this matter to the appropriate MVWA committees and get a read from them on how, or if they want to proceed. One issue that will need to be dealt with if this goes further is, if the two reservoirs

are abandoned for potable water use and the MVWA relinquishes its right to control the land, then the City of Utica and the Town of New Hartford will need to come to an agreement on the use of the land. There is also the matter of the City benefiting from improved stormwater management at this location, and whether or not the City should be contributing to the cost of the improvements.

Update by Shumaker Engineering:

Curt Nichols gave a presentation regarding the information derived from their work as a sub-contractor on the Town's Southern GEIS. Mr. Nichols three types of growth resulting in three different scenarios of increase in impervious area and the corresponding increase in peak stormwater runoff. See attached.

Woodberry/Beechwood:

Shumaker Engineering has provided a fee proposal to identify and assess mitigative measures for this sub-area. Mr. Nichols explained that by now having a hydraulic model to work with, a series of improvements can be identified, tested in the model, a cost associated with each, and a prioritization list compiled.

Update by Shumaker Engineering: Oxford/Kellogg

Curt Nichols provided a synopsis of the work done on final design for this sub-area. He also explained the need for additional survey work, as the grades shown on the Jubilee Estates' subdivision plans are not accurate enough to be used in the construction drawings for this type of work, as well as needing additional survey data for improvements to the down stream culverts, Shumaker is requesting a Change Order to fund the additional work. There was consensus among the Group to approve this additional work, however, prior to moving forward on this matter, the Group's consensus was that the Town should first move to acquire the land required for the detention basins. On this matter, there was consensus that the Town move to secure an Appraisal, to be shared in cost with the property owner so that the property owner takes part ownership in the Appraisal. Based on the understanding between the property owner and the Town that both parties would agree on the selected appraiser, it is hoped that the findings would be acceptable to both parties and that the Town could move forward with the land acquisition.

Woodberry/ Beechwood, next step:

The Group reviewed a proposal from Shumaker for assessing Corrective measures for this sub-area. Fee proposal is \$13,450. It was the consensus of the Group that with the initial study work and modeling done by Shumaker that Shumaker should be the designated consultant

to perform the next step of the mitigation process. One of the assumptions made in the proposal was that no substantial changes have been made to the stormwater infrastructure since September 2007. It was noted that the property owner at 6 Woodberry Rd. has installed a berm along the up elevation boundary of their property. It was also noted that in any mitigation alternative, an assessment of maintenance efforts and access be included as part of the information. R. Cleveland will contact Shumaker to ascertain if the maintenance issue can be included in the original fee proposal and if the berm has any impact on the proposal. Consensus was to move forward to acquire the Corrective Measures Study.

Request For Proposal

R. Cleveland discussed a scope of services to be included in a Request For Proposal to be solicited from the engineers and engineering firms that responded to the Town initial Request For Qualifications. It was suggested that in addition to the requested work, that there be added the matters of receiving recommendations on maintenance issues, and a discussion of the presumed and/ or real advantages of grouping projects for economy of scale as regards construction.

Term Limits for citizen members

It was explained to the citizen members of the SWG that the Town Board had term limits for advisory committees, i.e. one, two, or three years terms. It was also explained that there was no prohibition on soliciting reappointment at the end of the term. It was asked that the citizen members talk among themselves as to how they wanted to do this, and be ready to do so at the next meeting.

Other Business:

A discussion ensued regarding compiling a list of existing drainage districts, and ascertaining what facilities are part of the district's stormwater infrastructure, and what maintenance should be scheduled, and possibly be charged for. Town staff will begin to compile this information.

Next Meeting: tentatively scheduled for 20FEB08 @ 7:30 NHPL