

*Approved at June 30, 2009 meeting*

SWG meeting of June 3, 2009

Attendance:

Present:

Liz DeGironimo  
Jerome Donovan  
Ken Lowell  
John McMillan  
Steve Donachie  
Rick Sherman  
John Meagher  
Kurt Schwenzfeier

Absent:

Dave Reynolds\*  
Bob Payne\*  
Curt Nichols\*

\* - Advisory member

John Meagher called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

A motion to accept the April 7th 2009 minutes was made by Ken Lowell and seconded by Jerome Donovan. Passed.

Public Stormwater Concerns: None

**Stormwater Project Updates:**

**Woodberry/Oxford**

Low bidder Fred Burrows. There was a small adjustment tree cutting to be done in house by Burrows. Should be seeing work starting with in the next two (2) weeks depending on when the box culverts arrive. Burrows bid price was \$356,900 with the total project cost with design being \$397,017. Construction anticipated to be completed by August 17<sup>th</sup> of this year.

**Oxford/Kellogg/Tibbitts**

Detention basin project at Jubilee. The Town is scheduled to close on the property by the end of this week at a purchase price of roughly \$97,500 for 2 lots with the required easements. Shumaker Engineering is finalizing the plans. A motion to go to bid on this project in July was made by Kurt Schwenzfeier and seconded by Ken Lowell. All in favor.

**Beechwood-** Shumaker Engineering is working on the anticipated project cost. Oneida County DPW would not allow another crossing under Oxford Road.

**Southern reservoir** - Oneida County Soil and Water is done mapping and has a preliminary design for a basin.

**Tilden Ave-** We are waiting for the appraisal.

**General Discussion:**

From the last meetings discussion re Long property on Oneida St. and Cole property on Cascade Drive, also Christopher Circle area residents presented a problem at the May 27<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting. The Town Board asked that the Stormwater Group recommend a policy to the Town Board for these types of area stormwater projects that are not within the Town ROW.

This led to a long discussion on the purpose of the Stormwater Bond, also Town involvement, responsibility and spending for projects on private property. There are several locations within the town where a drainage problem exists over several properties and cannot be privately addressed by the most affected property owner. It is believed that current town policy limits work to the highway ROW and defined drainage easements. What should the SWG do with such projects and should we recommend some policy to the Town Board?

Some example situations

1. Oneida Street – Mr. Long
2. Cascade Drive – Mr. Cole
3. Sedgewick Park South
4. Christine Court South
5. Christopher Circle
6. Jordan Road

Another example of a large problem that could be addressed being the Cole property on Cascade Drive that was reported by Jo-Anne at the last meeting (Cole Property on Cascade Drive-possible replacement of driveway pipe with a box culvert and also replace the culvert on Cascade Drive).

Discussion on the purpose of the Stormwater Bond”

What was the Bond language?

Have to look at the cost benefit of projects

Have to have standards to look at these smaller issues

Need to have documentation of the work done by those affected to show they have tried to fix the problem on their own and that they have made an effort to try but they need the Town's help.

Set a standard cost provide a % cost share for projects

Is public infrastructure threatened by inaction to correct the stormwater issue?

Have to prioritize jobs

Will need to meet again be for this group can recommend a course of action to the Town Board

Asked for a copy of the policy statement regarding ditching.

Public Comment Period:

Don Bathke Village of New Hartford Highway Superintendent

4 Issues to discuss with the Town:

1. The time scheduled for the Oxford Road Contract. Lane shift so both lanes will remain open
2. The Towns MS4 Annual Report: No public comments
3. Public/private systems: the Towns facilities affect the Village of New Hartford's facilities. The Village has GIS its stormwater system and the Oneida County Planning Department has used LIDAR to show the impacts of the sewer shed mapping
4. Water enters and flows along the Town stone bedding along the Towns sewer system and is creating an I&I issue for the Village of New Hartford

Meeting adjourned at 7:00.