

June 30, 2009

Present: Liz DeGironimo
Jerome Donovan
Ken Lowell
John McMillan
Steve Donachie
John Meagher
Jo-Anne Faulkner

*-Advisory member

Absent: Dave Reynolds*
Bob Payne*
Curt Nichols - Shumaker
Rick Sherman
Kurt Schwenzfeier

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

Minutes from the June 3rd meeting were reviewed. Liz DeGironimo made a motion to accept the minutes. Jerome Donovan seconded. Ken Lowell suggested some spelling corrections. Motion to accept the minute was carried.

Public Stormwater Concerns: The Christopher Circle residents who were in attendance agreed to wait to discuss their concerns under Old Business.

Stormwater Project Updates: John Meagher provided updates on the active stormwater projects.

Woodberry/Oxford: John reported that the box culverts are being built and that the project will likely begin in 2 to 3 weeks. The contractor estimates that the project will take 1 month to complete.

Oxford/Kellogg/Tibbitts: John reported that the County wanted Shumaker to make some changes to their design. There will be an effort to collect as much water from Longworth as possible. Bidding will hopefully occur on July 8th and will be opened at the August 12th board meeting. Fall construction is anticipated.

Beechwood: John reported that Curt Nichols of Shumaker is working on a new proposal for engineering services for this project.

Southern Reservoir: Jo-Anne reported that there has not been any further progress on this project. Don Weimer requested that the SWCD inform the Water Board when a visit is planned.

Tilden: John reported that he is awaiting the final appraisal from Bev Roberts. John explained that without the appraisal on the Craignolan property, the project will not move forward.

Mapping: Jo-Anne reported that the SWCD has made steady progress mapping the Town's stormwater system.

Whitetail: Jo-Anne reported that the capacity of the Whitetail Basin on Kay Circle was studied. Using TR-55, it appeared that the basin's capacity was insignificant relative to the storm events for the watershed. However, based on the assumption that the 42-inch pipe on Kay Circle has never overtopped, the pipe can convey the 25-year storm. As the pipe limits the volume of water that reaches the basin, it's possible that the 25-year event is controlled.

General Discussion: Jerome asked John to explain the Stormwater Committee's role after a contract has been let. John explained that while the Town Board has authority over a project, the Stormwater Committee would be kept apprised with progress reports and any major changes in estimated costs. Steve

requested a copy of the Committee's charter. Jerome explained that the Town Board resolution serves as the charter. Jerome also explained that the Committee is advisory in nature and is asked to make funding recommendations on projects. Discussion ensued regarding specific policies used by the committee to recommend projects.

Christopher Circle residents: Several residents of Christopher Circle were present to discuss their flooding issues. They reported that the Town Board directed them to the Stormwater Committee to obtain a recommendation for project funding. Specific flooding issues were discussed. Residents inquired whether the Town would be opposed to the residents doing the work themselves. John explained that if the residents brought their drainage work to the Town's Right of Way, the Town would complete the connection. John noted that the Town would probably not reimburse the residents for work done on private property.

Whitetail concerns: Mr. Fanelli, a resident of Whitetail Meadows was present to discuss drainage concerns at Whitetail. Discussion ensued regarding the alternatives that the town could pursue to ensure that the developer properly addresses drainage issues. In a side note, Mr. Fanelli may be interested in becoming a Stormwater Committee member.

Discussion ensued regarding the Town's ability to work on private property. The Town's 1993 Phase II policy was discussed and the 6 priorities for individual projects from the Phase II policy were described. John explained how individual complaints were previously plotted on a town map to identify common issues. Discussion ensued regarding the need for a specific and consistent policy to rank projects. In addition, the committee and residents in attendance discussed development pressure and open space preservation. Jerome explained some of the alternatives being discussed for the GEIS. Funding alternatives for drainage improvement and flood control projects were discussed. Residents in the audience were asked their opinion about landowner contribution to the project costs. Discussion ensued regarding whether prior improvements paid for by the landowners would be counted. Residents were concerned that the community wouldn't contribute equally as not all residents in the neighborhood are equally affected by flooding. Funding alternatives such as drainage districts were discussed. In addition, committee members discussed the merits of permanent versus temporary easements to access private property and make improvements.

In order to expedite action on the smaller or individual drainage issues, the Stormwater Committee members decided to form a sub-committee to develop specific priorities with which to rank projects. Liz, Jo-Anne and John will try to meet weekly to work through the list of individual projects. The sub-committee's goal is to have recommendations to the Town Board by the beginning of August, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectively submitted by,

Jo-Anne M. Faulkner, SWCD