

SWG MEETING MINUTES  
27OCT08

NEW HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY  
5:30 PM

Welcome

Pledge To The Flag

Attendance

Present

John Meagher  
Liz DeGironimo  
John McMillan  
JoAnn Faulkner  
Doug Peterson  
Ken Lowell  
Curt Nichols  
Roger Cleveland  
Dave Reynolds

Absent

Kurt Schwenzfeier  
Bob Payne  
Hans Arnold

Agenda Items

SWG: History and Future Operation

Roger Cleveland spoke to the Group indicating that over the past year and a half that he had tried to present a format and forum for educating the citizen members on the matter of stormwater issues, and for a free exchange of ideas of how best to address the monumental task confronting us. Over these months, he stated that he had acted as Chair, secretary and liaison with the Town Board. As he will be retiring within a matter of days, he suggested to the Group that they consider selecting from the non-professional staff a Chair, Vice Chair, recording secretary and spokesperson to the Town Board. The response was that the citizen members wanted to digest this matter, but also that staff had the most knowledge of the issues confronting us. It was suggested that a tape recorder be placed on the table to record the proceedings.

Resignation/ Replacement

Roger Cleveland stated that he had received the resignation of Ed DeSanctis from the Stormwater Group. He further stated that to his knowledge, the Town Board had not set any specific number for citizen members of the Group, and did the Group want to make a recommendation to the Town Board to replace Mr. DeSanctis? Frank Montecalvo stated that he thought the slot should be filled as the more citizen involvement, the better. Mr. Lowell stated he felt that larger numbers of people made it unwieldy. Motion made by Mr. Montecalvo to recommend a replacement for Mr. DeSanctis, was seconded and approved.

### Mapping

Liz DeGironimo has been on her own time preparing some mapping for the Group showing various aspects of surface and subsurface conditions that we should be considering as we consider solutions to the stormwater problems. She also spoke about the sometimes intense discussions we have had in trying to put together a mitigation program and the fact that we have been very open about what we do and that we have had members of the public attend our meetings, and participate in them. We have nothing to hide, she stated. She thanked Roger for his leadership in moving the program to where we are today.

### Report of Shumaker Engineering

Curt Nichols, with Shumaker Engineering did a power point presentation on three of the projects that he has been involved with. The handout that accompanied the presentation is attached, and made a part of these minutes. A few highlights on each of the three follows:

#### Woodberry/ Beechwood:

Project started out as a jacking project, but got County cooperation to allow replacement of a culvert on Oxford Rd. Design of culvert is about 60% complete. As part of the agreement with the County to replace the culvert, the County requires a downstream hydrology assessment, as the capacity of the new culvert under Oxford will be larger than the deficient one that now exists. Approximately 25% of the work on this matter is now complete. Shumaker requesting an amendment to the original design contract for the hydrology assessment and the upstream piping design as the original proposal was predicated on design of the jacking, mentioned above.

#### Brantwood:

As this was an opportunity that was short lived in terms of time, due to the property owner having his own project that tore up a large section of his back yard, and that allowed the Town to use his driveway to access the project site, this project was designed, bid and constructed within 2 months. Unanticipated bends in the pipe, which were not able to be identified due the internal inspection camera not being able to transverse the entire length of the pipe because of the rotted condition of the bottom of the existing piping, prevented the sliplining operation to be installed as designed. As a result, a large and 13 foot deep section of the front lawn was required to be excavated to install the remaining length of pipe. The excavation, pipe installation and site restoration resulted in a field change totaling \$8,200. There was no contractor negligence involved. This project results in a 15% increase in hydraulic capacity, and corrects the original 6-foot drop out of the outlet that exacerbated the scour and bedload condition of the downstream portions of the stream.

#### Oxford/ Kellogg/ Tibbitts

Draft plans are into the Town for review. Construction documents are 99% complete. Need to complete the land transaction and acquire clear title to the property. Last easement information sent to the Town Attorney with a note that the Stormwater Group requesting no additional cost for the permanent easement areas. Request to complete the land transaction has gone to the property owner. Not recommended by Shumaker

Engineering to do all the construction in the winter, but maybe can phase it so that some work can be accomplished this construction season. Shumaker has included a couple of Alternates in the Bid, one for fencing and another for structures.

#### Report from Oneida County Soil and Water Conservation District (OCS&W)

JoAnn Faulkner of OCS&W also did a power point presentation on two projects she is working on. A few comments on each follows:

#### Tilden/ Craignolan

JoAnn investigating the benefits of being able to expand the existing detention basin and throttling down the outlet of this existing basin on the upper Craignolan parcel, while at the same time utilizing the lower Craignolan parcel for either additional detention or a diversion of at least some of the discharge from the upland basin to minimize what now flows adjacent to the Peterson residence on Taber Road. Piping the channel adjacent to Peterson may or may not be an option. The issue of purchase/ acquiring easements on both Craignolan properties still needs to be pursued, especially after it is decided what desired mitigation plan will consist of.

#### Southern Reservoirs

Because of the objections by the City Engineering Department to any increase in flow to Ballou Creek, and the costly infrastructure improvements that would be needed to utilize Reservoirs 5 and 2, the Town has told the Mohawk Valley Water Authority that at this time we are pursuing other strategies for detention on the Southern Reservoir land owned by the MVWA. Improvements to an existing detention basin that discharges to a box culvert leading to Starch Factory Creek, and the creation of other detention facilities are currently being investigated. JoAnn also provided a history of the streams and how some of them are now directed to outfalls that differ from their original course.

#### Change Order for Woodberry/ Beechwood

Curt Nichols again explained the reason for the Change Order related to design for the Woodberry/ Beechwood project, that being additional design necessary for the upstream piping, the downstream hydrology analysis and site work to an existing basin on Beechwood. Roger Cleveland distributed the request from Shumaker to the Group. Liz made a motion to approve, seconded by Ken, no further discussion, and was unanimously approved at \$12,700. This matter to be brought to the Town Board for approval.

#### Bond Expenditures

Roger Cleveland passed out a DRAFT of expenses and anticipated projects showing a remaining anticipated balance of about \$300,000. This has not been confirmed with the Bookkeeper, and much of the anticipated balance will depend on the extent of additional work done in the Woodberry/ Beechwood sub areas, and the advancement of other smaller projects.

#### Next Meeting:

Set for November 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at the NHPL

A twenty-minute public comment period was then held.

Two property owners, one at 14 Wilbur and one from the end of Smithport Road, represented that they had drainage problems. 14 Wilbur may be due to the elevation of the road itself, and the other is unknown at this time.

Comment made that information pertaining to the meeting should be available to the public prior to the meeting and a request to put information presented to the Group, also made available to the public.

Meeting adjourned.