

August 10th, 2015 Meeting Summary

Members present: Rachel Verno, Gloria Rabinowitz, Marlene Haresign, Joe Krajewski

Guests: Adam Grossman candidate for Town Justice, Charlie Corwith, Robin Esterson

Adam Grossman introduced himself and briefly summarized his background as Vice Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, a lawyer for 22 years, served as Town Atty in Riverhead, etc. Mr. Grossman is running to replace Justice Burke who is retiring, one of 4 Town Justice positions.

DEERFIELD ROAD STORM WATER ABATEMENT: Latest update

The DiMenna field has been planted. Christine Fetten, Town Engineer has put forth proposals to Mr. DiMenna to prevent storm water run-off from his property including a rain garden/natural buffer type vegetation at the corner. He has not agreed to any as yet.

Discussion followed as to why the 2 drains placed in the road on Deerfield at the bend are below grade creating an almost pothole like effect on the road. Charlie Corwith indicated that Christine Fetten said they had to be constructed this way to work. The CAC will ask why the road around these 2 drains can't be paved to be level.

Phase One of the storm water abatement plan is not working as the flow of storm water run off is not being slowed down and controlled before it enters into Mill Pond. Many expressed concern with this plan and the problem with the check dams is now finally being addressed. Permits have gone to the DEC to dig behind check dams as none of them are draining and they are not deep enough. The Town will also be doing a Bio-swale, which consists of a swaled drainage course with sloped sides and filled with vegetation, etc., and/or loose stone. Permits are not required for this project. There needs to be clarification as to when will the work will actually take place with or without permits since this is a critical piece of protecting run off into Millpond and every phase of this project seems to be taking much longer than expected.

Town Board member, Christine Scalera and Christine Fetten, have met with property owner Vignoly re building a rain garden to direct the rain runoff from Deerfield on to his property. He is open to discussing this.

The concrete block that was installed as part of Phase One (at bend in Deerfield Rd) is an eyesore. It is too large, but replacing it will prove to be too costly so the Town is looking into ways to address the problem.

WATER MILL TOWNHOUSES:

No further movement since developer went through his pre submission hearing on July 14.

Re affordable housing as part of this project, Curtis Highsmith indicated that he wanted to come to one of our CAC meetings. Rachel will invite him.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Concern came up about the condition of the Railroad crossing area at Deerfield Rd. CAC will send an email to Tom Neely regarding the crossings at both Deerfield and David Whites so he can contact the MTA.

Question about the straw/hay/manure piles building up on the empty field on Deerfield. CAC will send an email to code enforcement. (Note: Since our meeting, the pile has been removed.)