

November 9th, 2015 Meeting Summary

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

Guest: Jan Harboy

Chair, Rachel Verno (RV) reported the following:

Eight and a half acres on Head of Pond Rd will be purchased by the Town and preserved to control storm water input into Mill Pond. Water from this property could become a rain garden. The CAC approves this purchase. Two other contiguous properties are also being pursued by the Town for purchase.

The empty property adjacent (to the North) of 24 Station Rd has been cleared. This property is owned by Koral Brothers.

Tenant has departed derelict house at 24 Station Rd. No cars, and clutter on front porch has been removed. GR has asked Michael Chih at Building Dept. for an update.

RV brought up the possibility of a lighted walkway across the Montauk Hwy in the WM hamlet center as NY State is starting to work on one in Bridgehampton in front of the library and this would be the time to ask for one. CAC members felt a lighted walkway was not necessary in Water Mill as we do not have businesses on both sides of the Hwy.

Paving is being done in front of bus stop on north side of Hwy and ditch will be filled in. RR crossing repaving at Deerfield Rd has been taken care of.

MILL POND/ DEERFIELD ROAD STORM WATER ABATEMENT:

There was a robust discussion on current status of Mill Pond and what can be done to move this process forward. CAC did not hear back from SH Town Trustee, Scott Horowitz, regarding our questions since he attended our Sept. meeting.

Town Engineer, Christine Fetten, has reapplied to the DEC as first application was rejected for lack of information, and is waiting for an amended application.

It was suggested that Di Menna should be approached once more regarding selling ¼ of an acre. CAC felt Councilwoman Scalera should try again. Mill Pond residents are willing to provide the funds for the purchase.

CAC members discussed proposed rain garden on Vinoly property and why nothing has been done to date. There is \$160,000 left over from the county from Phase One of Mill Pond remediation.

Could those funds be used for Vinoly rain garden?

RV will write a letter to Councilwoman Scalera and C. Fetten re Vinoly property with the following points in it:

- 1) Status on source of funding for rain garden, 2) status of legal document between Vinoly and Town, 3) design of rain garden.

CAC members enthusiastically agreed that Vinoly should be asked to design it and present his plan to the Town. As a world class architect, who could possibly be better?

Any Other Business:

Guest, Jan Harboy, brought up bright lights on boxes at RR crossings. CAC will follow through and ask Town to look into it as these should be dark sky compliant.