

December 8th, 2014 Meeting Summary

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

STORMWATER ABATEMENT PLAN:

Phase 1 appears to be complete in terms of the engineering.

After the Thanksgiving rainstorm, it was clear that the amount of runoff that would flow through the newly re-piped drains, directly into the pond, would be massive. An alarming amount of untreated storm water flowed into the pond and the plume of muddy silt-filled water was visible in photographs documented by members.

Mass flooding occurred as usual at the intersection of Deerfield and Head of Pond, with storm drains completely clogged.

For several days after the storm, the area directly in front of the field north of the intersection was still flooded since all of those drains are also completely clogged.

The owner of the property had indicated that this field would be planted to provide some drainage, but that has not happened and an unacceptable amount of silt-filled water is flowing off of the corner of that property.

Another storm after Thanksgiving had identical flooding issues. A series of photographs were sent to the Town. Since another large rain event was predicted for the day after our meeting, the CAC agreed to send an email to the Town requesting they look at the conditions first hand during the storm.

The CAC had agreed with the Town that Phase 2 could not be implemented without cooperation of the landowners along the corridor in regards to containing storm water runoff. BUT it was also agreed that Phase 1 would create problems without the storm water runoff from the field north of the intersection being addressed. The Town indicated that the property owner would be contacted.

-Note: Since our meeting, we were informed that the owner of the property north of the intersection had been contacted and their engineer was going to put a plan together.

Hay bales and plastic have been installed at the corner of the property where the storm water breaches. This is only a temporary solution and the CAC is still waiting to hear from the Town regarding what the final fix will be and when it will be implemented.

The CAC feels that without the source of the storm water runoff being addressed, all efforts and money spent on the pond are worthless.

In addition to the negative impact to the pond, there is also a safety issue in terms of the flooding at the intersection. During the cold winter months, when it rains and water pools, it freezes.

CAC also discussed the drainage from the field south of the bend on Deerfield. Every time it rains, water flows on to the road from the trench coming out of the field. The road continually needs to be repaved and in the winter the water creates a dangerous sheet of ice. Each time the Town mows, the trench is filled in, but when it rains, it opens up.

Until the storm water runoff issue is addressed and contained, all of the drains at the intersection need to be cleaned out on a regular basis. This would include the ones located on Deerfield by the stop signs at the intersection and all of the ones located on Head of Pond west of the intersection. The CAC will contact Alex Gregor.

BUS SHELTERS:

The Water Mill Village Improvement Assn. will fund garbage pick-up by a private contractor from the existing and soon to be installed bus shelters in the hamlet.

OTHER TOPICS:

Rachel Verno will continue as Chair

Gloria Rabinowitz will continue as Secretary

Member, Barry Levy has stepped down