

## **March 10th 2014 – Meeting Summary**

Members present: Steve Abramson, Marlene Haresign, Steve Lerner, Gloria Rabinowitz,  
Guests: Jane Gill, Marlene Feuerring, Adam Halsey, Tom Halsey, Nicolas Rutherford

### **UPDATE: MILL POND**

The second planned Phoslock treatment will not be pursued in 2014. The DEC is to report on the efficacy of the 2013 Phoslock treatment by the end of March. The SPDES permit expires in April, but the DEC has assured the Trustees that an extension would be granted were the decision made to implement the second phase Phoslock treatment later than April, 2014. The DEC also intends to test organisms in the benthic layer of Mill Pond this spring for traces of lanthanum.

### **UPDATE: STORM WATER ABATEMENT ON DEERFIELD ROAD**

Three months ago, WMCAC representatives met with Councilwoman Scalera, and Christine Fetten and John LaRosa from the Engineering Department at which time the CAC representatives urged the Town to estimate the costs of increasing the capacity of the storm water abatement Phase 2 plan to accommodate a flush of four-inches of rainfall in 24 hours, rather than the NYS guideline of one or two inches. It was agreed that this heavier flow option would be explored.

That section of Deerfield Road is at the bottom of a topographic funnel, and often delivers a very heavy input of fertilizer into Mill Pond. The continued storm water input carrying phosphorus measured at eleven times the already high concentration of phosphorus in the pond itself is an obvious threat to the life of Mill Pond. For that reason the CAC has urged that Phase 2 should precede plans for Phase 1. Phase 1 may improve navigation of Deerfield Road at the base of the funnel, but it will not provide the needed benefit that Phase 2 is to accomplish of reducing the volume of nutrient-laden water flowing into the Pond.

Recent requests of the Engineering Department for status of the storm water abatement plans, including questions regarding the status of the bidding process for Phase 1 and Phase 2, have gone unanswered with the Engineering Department indicating that the Town Board needs to be updated first. The CAC's expectation was that phase 1 and 2 would get underway simultaneously.

### **UPDATE: SPEED LIMIT ON CTY RD 39 AND BUS SHELTER ON NORTH SIDE OF MONTAUK HWY**

With regard to SR 27 between the diner and the hamlet center, the speed limit is established by the State. The Town can request they review it but he believes it was lowered a few years ago.

With regard to CR 39, the speed limit is 35MPH from the western end (Sunrise merge) to North Sea Rd. The Town lowered it at the request of the county public works department (SCDPW) as the Town has the authority to lower the speed limit on a county road. The Town used their engineering judgment as support for this change.

The portion east of North Sea has remained at 45MPH. The Town has reached out to the County about this and they have not requested it be lowered. However, the Town Board has the authority to lower it. According to the Federal/State guidelines regarding this topic, such a recommendation should be supported by an engineering study/engineering recommendation.

Re Bus shelter, the Town has accepted a bid for the cement foundation. As soon as that is completed, the shelter will be installed. No date for completion as yet.

**UPDATE: WATER MILL TOWNHOUSES**

As was discussed at our November 2013 meeting, there will be no affordable housing within the project. But the developer will be taking the affordable housing element of the RPDD by paying into a Town Affordable Housing Fund that would be used on affordable housing east of the canal and hopefully in or around the area of Water Mill. Three to four million dollars is what is estimated for the affordable housing portion of this project.

The developer will install a ITT Saniatrie waste treatment system on the 7-acre Townhouse site just west of Nowedonah Ave.

There will be a Town Board work session regarding this site plan on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 AM. CAC members were urged to attend

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

A Water Mill resident spoke about the mute swans at her waterfront property and her opposition to the proposed action by the NYS DEC to eliminate them in New York State by 2025. However, the DEC has a put a two year moratorium on this proposal due to the overwhelming opposition it received.