

July 14, 2014 Meeting Summary

Members present: Steve Abramson, Marlene Haresign, Steve Lerner, Rachel Verno,

Non Members present: Councilwoman Christine Scalera, Trustee Ed Warner, Trustee Bill Pell, Trustee Scott Horowitz, Village Trustee Michael Irving, Ellen Irving, Tom Halsey, Adam Halsey, Artie Muller, Bill Clair, Joe Lombardo, Mary Willetts, Kevin Willetts, Tom White, SH Press Reporter Michael Wright

MILL POND:

Scott Horowitz discussed the DEC report which did not make a recommendation one way or the other regarding a second treatment of Phoslock. But the analysis of the tests conducted over the past year indicates some sequestration. The feeling is that a second treatment should be applied either in the Fall or Spring of next year. All agreed the heavy rainfall right after the initial application of Phoslock worked against better results and more accurate tests need to be conducted for proper nutrient budgeting. The storm water runoff projects also need to be completed and the creation of rain gardens, swales and floating islands may also help.

Discussion of the floating island concept, control of geese population and cutting of lily pads. Since our meeting, a company specializing in rain gardens met with the Town. \$5,000 a month is being spent on water testing in Mill Pond. All testing must be conducted at specially designated labs in order to qualify for the type of DEC permit granted. Questions as to whether or not the DEC permits were up to date since testing had stopped. No definitive answers to any of these issues.

Storm on July 4th indicated no flooding on Deerfield Road, but the storm only measured 1.75-2 inches. The polo fields have been planted, but there hasn't been a substantial rain event to see if the storm water run off from that property is now contained.

Phase 1 was supposed to be underway, but the contractor is refusing to begin because of the DEC warnings posted regarding the toxic algal bloom. Since our meeting, work has begun on the re-piping and swales.

Discussion about mandating buffers, banning pesticides and annual service to septic. Since passing legislation seems unlikely, after the meeting the CAC asked if a letter could be sent to individual homeowners explaining the importance of taking responsibility for what goes into the pond. Councilwoman Scalera and Trustee Horowitz indicated that they were going to go door to door to speak with homeowners in person.