

Draft copy of June 10th, 2013 Minutes of Water Mill CAC

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

Guests: Tom Neely; Town Transportation and Traffic Safety Engineer, Charlie Corwith,
Ed Segal, Mary and Kevin Willets

The minutes of May were approved.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY ISSUES:

- Tom Neely, our guest, led a discussion about the CAC's ongoing traffic and safety concerns. He had compiled accident reports at various intersections in Water Mill during the past 3 years. Several intersections along Rte. 27 are of concern and Tom suggested that he contact the State about looking into the entire area starting with the intersection at CR39 on through the hamlet.

- With the construction of the Parrish and the new Pumpkintown building, along with the existing winery, there is a safety concern along that stretch of road. The CAC has suggested looking at the existing speed limit. The CAC had asked that a 30 mph speed limit be considered earlier as you head east into the hamlet center and that proper signage be placed prior to entering the curve along the culvert. In addition, there was discussion about the possibility of a "rumble strip" type of device to be installed to alert people of the reduction of speed into the hamlet, similar to what is used in Easthampton. Tom explained some of the problems associated with these devices, but again, this would be something that the State would look at.

- The intersection of Rte. 27/Deerfield Road/Davids Lane was discussed. This intersection, along with the merge with CR39, has one of the higher accident rates in the Town and warrants the Town and State looking into some solutions. There was discussion about a stoplight as well as the possibility of restriping the center turn lanes

with arrows in an attempt to prevent cars from entering the center lane too early in both directions. Davids Lane continues to be an issue and clearly is not wide enough for 3 lanes. The markings have also worn off. There appears to be room to make this road wider and therefore safer.

- Ed Segal, a resident on Seven Ponds Towd Road, expressed his concern about this road being used as a high-speed shortcut from Noyac Road and he requested that additional stop signs be considered at the intersection with Edge of Woods Rd. Currently there are stop signs heading east/west but none traveling north/south. Another resident said that at one point there had been stop signs heading north/south. Tom said he would look into this. He also explained that stop signs are not a deterrent to excessive speed and the only way to deal with this issue is with a greater police presence. This has been an ongoing safety and quality of life issue for all of the residents who live on heavily traveled back roads and it was suggested that residents contact the police department directly to have them patrol this area on a more regular basis.

- Tom has asked Alex Gregor to look into the intersection of Head of Pond Road and Lower Seven Ponds Road, but he has yet to hear back from him. The CAC has asked several times that the dangerous conditions at this intersection be addressed and when the Scuttlehole/Head of Pond/Strongs Lane configuration was completed, the Town Board indicated that this intersection would be considered. The accident reports from this intersection indicate that the Town needs to address this as a safety issue. The CAC will submit another letter requesting that this process get underway.

- Tom informed us that the State is coming out to look at the possibility of a stoplight at Newlight Lane and Rte. 27.

- All the signage issues along David Whites, Seven Ponds and Lower Seven Ponds have been addressed.

- Member asked about the overgrown conditions at the intersection of CR39 and Rte. 27 and it appears as though some sort of drainage construction is being done there. Tom said he would look into this.

- The intersection of Wickapogue/Flying Point/Cobb Road continues to be an issue and Tom is meeting with one of the residents next week and is considering speaking with another consulting firm in order to get a second opinion about the need for an additional stop sign.

- The bus shelter on the north side of Rte. 27 will be installed by the end of the summer. Discussion about whether or not there should be garbage receptacles was discussed. The garbage can at the bus shelter on the south side of the Hwy continues to be an issue and it is clear that some residents are using them to dispose of

household waste. While the trash cans in the hamlet are necessary, it is questionable about the need for them at the bus shelters. Gloria and Tom Neely have been emptying this can on south side themselves, but either the Highway Department needs to empty all bus shelter cans on a regular basis or they should be removed.

- There are a number of potholes that need to be taken care of and the CAC will submit a letter to Alex Gregor. A number of potholes that had already been filled in have opened up again due to all the rain.

STORM WATER ABATEMENT PLAN FOR DEERFIELD ROAD

- On the night of our CAC meeting, a massive rainstorm was underway, the second within a week. The first storm on Friday completely flooded and shut down Deerfield Road, and Monday's storm had already flooded the intersection of Deerfield and Head of Pond. Videos were taken by Steve A. showing massive amounts of silt flowing like a brown river down Deerfield Road and directly into Mill Pond.

- Despite the anticipation of as much as a year between the first Phoslock application and the execution of the storm water abatement plan for Deerfield Road, this delay would seemingly threaten to compromise, in part, the first remediation application of Phoslock.

- After last month's meeting, Rachel, Steve A. and Steve L. met with Councilwoman Christine Scalera and Christine Fetten from the Engineering Department to discuss the CAC's concern regarding the delayed time line for the implementation of the storm water abatement plan for Deerfield Road. This plan was discussed well over two years ago when Cashen and Associates presented their plans to the CAC, but the permits have yet to be obtained and negotiations with the property owners north of the intersection with Head of Pond Road have yet to be settled.

- The CAC was told at the meeting that the DEC permits had been submitted for the repiping

of the existing drains and that work was anticipated to begin in the fall. The engineering department is still trying to locate some of the pre-existing drains and it was suggested that perhaps the highway department could assist in this process.

- It was suggested that the Town Trustees be contacted to help with the DEC permit process since they have been dealing closely with the DEC on the remediation process.

- It was also suggested that the Town look into several innovative ideas including floating islands and mushroom tubes to help absorb nutrients from the massive amounts of storm water runoff into Mill Pond.

- After last month's meeting, Alex Gregor was contacted and the storm drains along Deerfield Road were pumped out. Unfortunately, even pumped out, the existing storm drains are completely overwhelmed.

- The CAC discussed how we can be assured that the storm water abatement plan is expedited by the Town and what if anything can be done in the meantime.

- Since our meeting, Steve A. met with Councilwoman Christine Scalera to discuss our concerns and to deliver the videos. He also contacted the Trustees to discuss our concerns regarding storm water inputs and the first Phoslock application, plus the possibility of the Trustees helping with the DEC permits, which Councilwoman Scalera indicated had become more complicated in obtaining.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

-Member reported that Sea Horse Stables located in Whispering Fields Court off of Head of Pond Road seems to be diverting water off the property on to the road, adding to an already existing problem with flooding. There are hay bales located in front of the property where the water is being diverted.

-The debris in front of a Cobb Road residence is being removed and No Dumping signs will be placed there.

Minutes taken by Rachel Verno