

Town of Canandaigua

5440 Routes 5 & 20 West
Canandaigua, New York 14424

DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Established October 16, 2017

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018, 11:00 A.M.

MINUTES—APPROVED

Meeting Called by: Charles Oyler, *Chairperson*

Committee Members Present: Richard Krebs
Kathy Page

Town Representatives: Doug Finch, Canandaigua Town Manager
Jim Fletcher, Canandaigua Highway Superintendent
Greg Hotaling, MRB Group, D.P.C.
Kaitlynn McCumiskey, Canandaigua Highway Department
Kevin Olvany, Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council
Kevin Reynolds, Canandaigua Town Board Member

1. CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR

Mr. Oyler called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 27, 2018

The minutes of the November 27, 2018, meeting were approved. The minutes will be posted upon the Drainage Advisory Committee web page and will be distributed to the Town Board members and Town staff via e-mail.

3. HILLCREST DRIVE DRAINAGE

Mr. Fletcher: Said that he has not heard from Greg Novak (4964 Hillcrest Drive) or Keith Cutri (4963 Hillcrest Drive), or from the Hillcrest Drive homeowners’ association, regarding Mr. Cutri’s and Mr. Novak’s proposed drainage mitigation plan which would be an alternative to the plan proposed by the Drainage Advisory Committee earlier this year. Mr. Fletcher will brief the Committee on the residents’ proposal when it is received.

4. LAURA LANE: DEC WETLANDS DETERMINATION AND MAPPING

Mr. Hotaling: Said that the delineation points for the DEC wetlands in the vicinity of the backyards of homes on the north side of Laura Lane have been sent via e-mail to Mr. Olvany. Mr. Olvany said that he will add the delineation points to a map for reference by the Committee and the Town. Mr. Fletcher said that this map will assist the Town staff in determining the boundary of the wetlands on the property of John and Joanne Ryan (5140 Laura Lane) who attended a recent meeting of the Committee to discuss the drainage issue in their backyard. Following the delineation of the wetland on the Ryan property, Mr. Fletcher said that a determination may then be made regarding whether the wetlands are on Town of Canandaigua or City of Canandaigua property, and if a mitigation plan is possible.

5. FINGER LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Olvany: Said that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Finger Lakes Community College project is being reviewed by Ontario County representatives and may be submitted to engineering firms later this month. He said that he expects the proposals to be returned in February 2019 for consideration. A County committee will review the RFPs to make a recommendation on the selection of the engineering firm. The project will integrate the drainage flow from the adjacent 17-acre drainage area—which now bypasses the Finger Lakes Community College canoe pond—and direct the flow into the pond to provide for one overall engineering design. The project is funded through a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation grant obtained through the Watershed Council. The project will be administered by the County. The engineering contract will be awarded by the Ontario County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Finch: Said that the acquisition of easements to permit access onto the adjacent Genecco/Star Cider property is moving forward with the attorneys for the involved parties and property owners.

Mr. Finch: Said that property owner David Genecco may submit an application for construction of an AT&T cell phone tower on Lot #2 of the Star Cider project.

Mr. Olvany: Discussed the easement boundary on the north side of Lot #2 of the Star Cider project. He said that if an easement could be acquired on the other side of the pocket wetland, there would be no earth disturbance on that side of the land and the use of a natural berm would be possible. Mr. Finch said that he would provide the Star Cider Final Site Plan to Mr. Olvany for review.

6. ONTARIO COUNTY DRAINAGE WORK ON COUNTY ROAD 16

Mr. Fletcher: Discussed recent drainage work which was completed by the Ontario County Department of Public Works in the vicinity of 3880–3890–3894–3900 County

Road 16. He said that the County cleaned out an existing drainage ditch and lined it with gabion stone. Mr. Fletcher said that although the ditch was cleaned out, it seems that the volume of water which can be handled by the ditch has not been increased due to the installation of the gabion stone.

Mr. Oyler: Said that it would be appropriate to invite Timothy McElligott, P.E., of the Ontario County Department of Public Works to a meeting in early 2019 to provide the Committee with an update on the County's 2019 drainage projects. Mr. McElligott and Ontario County Commissioner of Public Works William Wright, P.E., last attended a Committee meeting on April 10, 2018.

7. DRAINAGE LOCATIONS AND STATUS SPREADSHEET REPORT

Ms. McCumiskey: Reported that she is continuing to enter the most recent drainage locations on the status spreadsheet report which she is now keeping for the Committee. She will have the updated spreadsheet available for review at the January 2019 meeting. Mr. Oyler said that the Committee will then share the report with the Town Board at that time.

8. CONSOLIDATION OF EXISTING DRAINAGE DISTRICTS/EXPANSION OF TOWN DRAINAGE DISTRICTS

Mr. Oyler: Continued the discussion with the members of the Committee on a proposal to recommend to the Town Board the consolidation of the existing drainage districts in the Town and/or the establishment of a town-wide drainage district.

Mr. Finch: Reported that several Town Board members expressed concern about the funding. Currently, only those property owners within a specific drainage district contribute toward the cost of drainage improvement projects in their individual districts through a drainage district assessment on their property taxes.

Mr. Finch: Discussed the current drainage districts (most of which have been established to provide funds for the clean-out of stormwater maintenance ponds) and if they would remain if a town-wide drainage were to be established.

Mr. Finch: Recommended that at this point the Committee consider the advancement of a specific proposal or a range of options to the Town Board to receive direction from the Town Board on this issue.

Mr. Hotaling: Suggested that one of the goals of a town-wide drainage district would be the focus of the entire Town upon water quality and the protection of Canandaigua Lake.

Mr. Finch: Asked about the funding of a town-wide drainage district as a special-district assessment or by including drainage improvement projects as a separate line item in the Town's annual budget.

Mr. Hotaling: Said that the Town of Ontario has established a town-wide drainage district, that the Town of Pittsford has abolished all drainage districts and funds drainage projects through a budget line item, and that the Town of Farmington has a split drainage district which covers about half of the Town. He said that the funding of drainage projects is specific to an individual municipality.

Mr. Olvany: Said that the consideration of a town-wide drainage district has evolved from initial discussions on accounting of the funds of the individual districts to discussions on the rationale of consolidation. He suggested that the Town may wish to pursue this from simply maintaining existing drainage ponds and other maintenance work to consideration of a holistic approach of water quality and the protection of Canandaigua Lake.

Mr. Olvany: Said that drainage projects in the Town are currently decentralized with a number of individual drainage districts. He discussed who would be responsible for this work if a town-wide drainage district were to be established, i.e., the Town or a homeowners' association.

Mr. Oyler: Noted that Town is an MS4 community (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer program) and that the regulations of this program also would be involved.

Mr. Olvany: Asked how the Committee could progress the conversation to help the Town Board determine a direction for the Committee to pursue.

Mr. Reynolds: Said that the Town Board would like to see recommendations or options that would show that the cost [of a town-wide drainage district] would not unfairly burden those taxpayers who do not have drainage issues on their properties.

Mr. Finch: Suggested that the Committee provide the Town Board with several models or options to enable the Town Board members to react to these models or options and provide direction.

Mr. Olvany: Said that there are some grant funds available for use by the Town of Canandaigua which could be available for retaining a consultant to prepare several concept-level options for consideration by the Committee and for presentation to the Town Board.

Mr. Hotaling: Suggested also that other municipalities be surveyed to determine the advantages and disadvantages of their methods of funding drainage improvement projects.

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