

# *Town of Canandaigua*

5440 Routes 5 & 20 West  
Canandaigua, New York 14424

## **DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*Established October 16, 2017*

**TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019, 11:00 A.M.**

### **MINUTES—APPROVED**

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**Meeting Called by:** Charles Oyler, *Chairperson*

**Committee Member Present:** Richard Krebs

**Committee Member Excused:** Kathy Page

**Town Representatives:**

Eric Cooper, Town of Canandaigua Planner

Kaitlynn McCumiskey, Canandaigua Highway Department

Kevin Olvany, Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council

Kevin Reynolds, Canandaigua Town Board Member

Thomas Schwartz, Chairperson, Canandaigua Planning Board

**Guest:**

Megan L. Webster, District Manager, Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District

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**1. CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2019**

The minutes of the May 14, 2019, 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. FINGER LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

Mr. Olvany: Said that the stream discharge component and the wetland delineation for the Finger Lakes Community College Stormwater Management Project have been completed. Preliminary engineering designs are expected in early July. Two required easements on the adjacent Genecco property (Star Cider property) have been received. The acquisition of a third 300-foot easement on Mr. Genecco's property near Fallbrook Park is in progress.

Mr. Olvany: Said that Ontario County will serve as the Lead Agency for the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) determination.

### **4. DRAINAGE ISSUES TRACKING SPREADSHEET**

Mr. Oyler: Reported that he sent the following memo to the Town Manager:

Date: May 30, 2019

To: Doug Finch, Town Manager

From: Chuck Oyler, Chairman of the Town Drainage Advisory Committee

Re: Committee's Drainage Issue Spreadsheet

Doug, as you are well aware, the Town Drainage Advisory Committee has been actively developing and amending a spreadsheet describing the drainage issues that have been brought to the Town's attention from various sources including a list you provided the DAC resulting from the July 2017 heavy rain event, residents attending committee meetings, site visits and subsequent concerns brought to Town staff's attention. The spreadsheet describes the property of concern, the property owner, the drainage concern and any notes pertinent to the issue.

Fortunately for an extended period of time, no storm events have caused additional storm water issues of the magnitude to be tracked by the Committee and we are in a position to submit to you and the Town Board the current list of addresses that we have been monitoring. This list will remain active and additional properties will be added and investigated as received.

I refer to the spreadsheet as our "scorecard" and it has enabled us to locate, describe and track progress made on relieving the reported issues. Moving forward I see the DAC using the spreadsheet as a resource to

prioritize, design and seek public and private funding required to resolve these and any other issues that may develop.

Hopefully, you and the Town Board will find the document helpful and give you an idea of the magnitude of documented drainage issues in the Town.

Ms. McCumiskey: Said that Mr. Oyler's memo and the Committee's drainage issues spreadsheet will be on the Town Board agenda on June 17, 2019.

Mr. Oyler: Suggested that the next step for the Committee is to begin a prioritization of the listed drainage issues to determine how the resulting projects could be completed by using Town forces and/or private contractors. Sources of funding will also have to be determined.

#### **5. DRAINAGE ISSUE UPDATE : 2535 COOLEY ROAD (SPREADSHEET #64)**

Mr. Oyler: Reported that he received an e-mail from Diane Zimmerman of 2535 Cooley Road reminding the Committee of a drainage problem she has in front of her house. The problem is being tracked on the Committee spreadsheet (#64). The Town Highway Department has agreed to install rip rap stone in the Town right-of-way ditch along the frontage of her property. Mr. Oyler responded to Ms. Zimmerman via e-mail. Ms. Zimmerman had discussed this issue with the Committee via e-mail and attendance at the Committee meeting on November 13, 2018.

Ms. McCumiskey: Said that additional Town Highway Department staff soon will be available for other projects following the completion of the water main installation on County Road 10.

#### **6. TOWN OF CANANDAIGUA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

Mr. Cooper: Reported on the update to the Town of Canandaigua Comprehensive Plan that is now in progress and that will include sections on the infrastructure of the Town, i.e., roads, sewers, water and drainage facilities. He said that the update provides an opportunity for the inclusion of drainage initiatives in the Comprehensive Plan, the impacts of which are publicly felt throughout the Town.

Mr. Cooper: Said that the drainage section of the Plan could include a listing of the existing drainage facilities and issues, and proposed mitigation measures.

Mr. Oyler: Suggested that the Plan also could include a discussion of the existing drainage districts and consideration of alternatives such as maintaining the districts in their present form, expanding the districts, or consolidating them into a town-wide drainage district.

Mr. Cooper: Said that the Comprehensive Plan will present broad goals for future improvement of the Town. He suggested that specific recommendations for drainage projects be included in other reports.

Mr. Schwartz: Asked if a town-wide drainage district may be included as a goal in the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Cooper said that the goals of the Plan should reflect the desires of the people and that the Comprehensive Plan Committee will survey the residents to determine an accurate assessment of their goals.

Mr. Olvany: Suggested that the Plan consider land cover and natural systems to reduce flooding and improve water quality. He said that this initiative could be general enough to be included as a component of drainage goals for the future in the updated Plan.

Mr. Cooper: Requested the Drainage Advisory Committee's assistance in preparing the existing drainage conditions section of the Plan. He reviewed several sections of the current Plan and noted that the drainage section would be a general view of the goals for future drainage improvements and would not be a detailed master plan in itself.

Ms. McCumiskey: Suggested that the Town's MS4 Program data from Code Enforcement Officer Chris Jensen and the region's drainage watershed information from Mr. Olvany could be combined with the Committee's spreadsheet data on drainage issues locations for the Plan update.

Mr. Oyler: Said that the Committee would be happy to help on the Plan update, especially with the defined drainage issue locations that have been identified on the spreadsheet and based upon public input.

Mr. Olvany: Suggested that he, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Jensen meet to review the MS4 and watershed data that is already available.

## **7. ONTARIO COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Ms. Webster: Reported that Watershed Inspector George Barden is retiring and that Tyler Ohle has been hired as his replacement. She said that Mr. Ohle begins next week and will work with Mr. Barden during a two-month transition.

Ms. Webster: Discussed several erosion and sediment control projects in the Town, including watershed waste storage and concentrated flow retention projects on three local farms and a stream bank protection project on Mill Creek.

Ms. Webster: Said that she will review the Committee's drainage issues spreadsheet to determine opportunities for technical assistance from the Soil and Water Conservation District and to recommend possible funding sources for projects.

Ms. Webster: Discussed the Septic System Replacement Program of the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation. Established as part of the Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017, the Septic System Replacement Fund provides a source of funding for the replacement of septic systems based upon their vulnerability to contamination (e.g., the presence of a sole-source aquifer, or a known water-quality impairment), population density, soils, hydrogeology, climate and reasonable ability for septic system projects to mitigate water quality impacts.

The program provides 50/50 cost sharing up to \$10,000 for the replacement or repair of septic systems 250 feet or closer to Canandaigua, Seneca and Honeoye lakes for primary residences and for secondary or seasonal residences. Ms. Webster said that this is the second year of a five-year program. About \$220,000 has already been allocated by the County to property owners.

An additional note that just came up at the County level is that this year's septic system replacement fund program funding has not yet been released by the State. Applications may still be accepted and approved systems will be on a waiting list for funding. There are no income qualifications. Inspectors from the Soil and Water Conservation District review the applications for approval or denial.

## **8. NEXT MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Oyler: Said that he will invite Town Manager Doug Finch and/or Town Clerk Jean Chrisman to a future meeting to discuss the structure and operation of the existing Town drainage districts, i.e., the areas they cover and how their individual drainage district funds have been used. Mr. Oyler said that this information would provide background for the Committee prior to considering drainage district options.

The next meeting of the Committee will be:

<b><i>Tuesday, June 25, 2019</i></b>	<b><i>11:00 a.m.</i></b>	<b><i>Highway Dept. Conference Room</i></b>
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Subsequent meetings will be:

Tuesday, July 9, 2019	11:00 a.m.	Highway Dept. Conference Room
Tuesday, July 23, 2019	11:00 a.m.	Highway Dept. Conference Room
Tuesday, August 13, 2019	11:00 a.m.	Highway Dept. Conference Room

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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John M. Robortella L.S.

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