

**Draft copy of August 10th, 2015 Minutes of Water Mill CAC  
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approved at next scheduled meeting**

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Members present: Rachel Verno, Gloria Rabinowitz, Marlene Haresign, Joe Krajewski

Guests: Adam Grossman candidate for Town Justice, Charlie Corwith, Robin Esterson

Minutes for June approved.

Adam Grossman introduced himself to members and briefly went into his background as Vice Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, has been a lawyer for 22 years, served as Town Atty in Riverhead, etc. Mr. Grossman has the endorsement of the Democratic, Independent and Workers Party. He is running to replace Justice Burke who is retiring, one of 4 Town Justice positions.

**DEERFIELD ROAD STORM WATER ABATEMENT: Latest update**

The DiMenna field has been planted. Christine Fetten, Town Engineer has put forth proposals to Mr. DiMenna to prevent storm water run-off from his property including a rain garden/natural buffer type vegetation at the corner. He has not agreed to any as yet. There is no indication as to a time frame for when and if Mr. DiMenna will respond to the proposals.

Discussion followed as to why the 2 drains placed in the road on Deerfield at the bend are below grade creating an almost pothole like effect on the road. Charlie Corwith indicated that Christine Fetten said they had to be constructed this way to work. The CAC will ask why the road around these 2 drains can't be paved to be level.

Phase One of the storm water abatement plan is not working in that the flow of storm water run off is not being slowed down and controlled before it enters into Mill Pond. Many of us expressed concern with this plan and the problem with the check dams is now finally being addressed. Permits have gone to the DEC to dig behind check dams as none of them are draining and they are not deep enough. The Town will also be doing a Bio-swale, which consists of a swaled drainage course with sloped sides and filled with vegetation, etc., and/or loose stone. Since our meeting, Ed Warner told Steve A that permits were not required for this project. There needs to be clarification as to why we are waiting for permits if they are not needed and if they are needed, when will they be approved and is there a coordinated effort with the Trustees since there are already permits in place for other work related to Millpond. **In addition, when will the work actually take place with or without permits since this is a critical piece of protecting run off into Millpond and every phase of this project seems to be taking much longer than expected.**

Town Board member, Christine Scalera and Christine Fetten, have met with property owner Vignoly re building a rain garden to direct the rain runoff from Deerfield on to his property. He is open to discussing this.

The concrete block that was installed as part of Phase One (at bend in Deerfield Rd) is an eyesore. The block is too large for this project, but replacing it will prove to be too costly so the Town is looking into ways to address the problem. The Town has been approached by an Eagle Scout troop with a proposal for a project involving covering the block with wood to create a bench and plantings.

### **WATER MILL TOWNHOUSES:**

No further movement since Young went through his pre submission hearing on July 14. Town will probably vote to determine if his application is complete in September.

Re affordable housing as part of this project, Curtis Highsmith indicated that he wanted to come to one of our CAC meetings. Rachel sent an email last month, but it may not have reached him, so she will resend.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Concern came up about the condition of the Railroad crossing area at Deerfield. Rachel had spoken with Tom Neely when the problem first came up and the MTA did some preliminary repairs, but they have yet to come back to finish. CAC will send an email to Tom Neely regarding the crossing at Deerfield and David Whites. Since our meeting, Rachel spoke with Tom and he said he would contact the MTA.

Question about the straw/hay/manure piles building up on the empty field on Deerfield. CAC will send an email to code enforcement. Since our meeting, the pile has been removed.

Minutes taken by Gloria Rabinowitz and Rachel Verno