PENFIELD WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
DATE: Monday, February 6, 2012

Town of Penfield Auditorium
3100 Atlantic Ave.
Penfield, NY 14526

MINUTES OF MEETING

ATTENDANCE: Geoff Benway, Terry Rothfuss, Sue Kreiser, Dennis Sanzotta, Mike Guyon, Dick Vendel, Paula Metzler, Tony LaFountain

GUESTS: Terry Williams

1. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of January 9, 2011 were approved.

2. Projects Updates:
   a) Minor Watershed Update: Geoff reviewed the draft revisions for watershed “C”, “F”, and “G” provided by Popli Engineers. Watershed “C” includes the area NE of Panorama Plaza and noted problem locations at Heather rive, Witherspoon drive, Penfield Road, Liberty Street, Highland Drive, and Penfield HS. Geoff also noted a problem with the 24” pipe along the channel south of Penfield Road, west of Woodside Drive. Watershed “F” includes the lands west of Creek/south of Plank noted a problem with 2 culverts under Empire Blvd south of Plank Road. Watershed “G” includes the area NW of Creek/Browncroft and did not note any capacity issues. Geoff did note some erosion problems along the steep slopes west of Creek Street. Geoff asked members if they were aware of any other issues in these small watersheds.
   b) NYSDOT Meeting: Geoff & Tony met with representatives of the NYSDOT that afternoon. Some of the highlights included the elimination of the Penfield Road rehabilitation project due to budget issues, repair of the catch basin at Harris/Atlantic, and maintenance cleaning of ditches to preserve adequate sight distance. The Atlantic Ave. culvert (east of Baird Road) is scheduled for repairs in the near future. The project manager will contact the town as the project progresses.
   c) Highway crews have been mowing the Commission Ditch.

3. Action Items:
a) Living Next to Ponds Version 3: Geoff noted that the public information meeting is being held on February 28th in the Town Auditorium. Geoff was looking for issues or suggestions on topics/concerns. Title may change to “Living Next to Ponds (and more!)” to cover other water features.

4. Public Participation:
   • Mr. Williams owns undeveloped property at 1861 Penfield Road. The property is bisected by a ditch. A majority of the ditch has been piped and the Town of Penfield has requested that Mr. Williams pipe his ditch. He is ready to proceed but needs the Town to replace a 24” culvert with a 60” pipe to match the other sections. Tony stated that he would prefer to see the project done right and the entire ditch piped at once. Geoff to look at design and coordinate with Highway Department.
   • Dick Vendel noted that Len Scofaro had concerns about leachate coming from the Gloria Drive Landfill into the stream. Geoff to contact the MCDES.

5. News & Information
   a) Town: Geoff noted that the public hearing for the changes to Articles V and VI will be held at the Town Board meeting on March 7th. Supervisor LaFountain will be presenting his State of The Town address on February 7th. The Silverwood Pond Reconstruction is underway despite lack of frost.
   b) State: The NYSDEC was sued by the Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC) and lost. The issue was the failure of the NYSDEC to adequately address the provisions of the Clean Water Act. Several changes will be required as a result of this finding and will likely include increased fees, transfer of responsibilities to the towns/villages, and more enforcement actions/fines.

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

7. Next Meeting: March 5, 2012 at Town Hall Auditorium.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoff Benway

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