ATTENDANCE: Geoff Benway, Terry Rothfuss, Dennis Sanzotta, Ed Freeman, Sue Kreiser, Paula Metzler

GUESTS: Sue Foor, Richard Hammann, Kathy Price, Harold Mellars, Rodney Cannarozzo, Dave Woodard

1. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of June 4, 2012 were approved as written.

2. Project/Watershed Updates:
   a) Review 2012 projects: Geoff reviewed the drainage project complete this year. The projects include the cleaning the Silverwoods and Helmsford Way ponds, restoration of the Timberline ditch, cleaning of the Liberty St., Gloria Drive, Plank Road, Route 250, and Country Lane ditches, improvements at Maple Hill Farm, Plank Road, and Ilex Court, various catch basin cleanings and repairs, raising numerous buried manhole covers. Thanks to the Highway Department for their services in getting this work done. Major projects for 2013 include Pond Valley outlet modifications, Cobblestone to Penfield Road erosion abatement, Allens Creek modifications, Willow Pond outlet modifications, and completion of the Stormwater Management Plan.

   b) Pond Maintenance Issues: Geoff noted that with the unusually dry weather this year, pond issues have become more acute including algae and weed growth. A discussion with Martin Janda of BME Associates noted several non toxic agents are available to address various problems. This includes bacteria too consume decaying organics, weed growth, and aeration. The WMC could look at means to allow the Town of private citizens to obtain permission from the Town Board to provide these services under conditions acceptable to the Town Attorney and Town Board.

   c) Commission Ditch Monitoring: The Highway Department has been provided with seven depth gauges to be installed along Commission Ditch to allow measure water depth and siltation depths at key locations.
3. Action Items:
   a) None discussed.

4. Public Participation:
   - Kathy Price (60 Woodfield Drive) was representing 7 homes that border the Glenbrook Pond. They are concerned about the deterioration of the aesthetics of the pond and are looking for some long term maintenance recommendations/options. They believe that the pond has become shallower due to erosion and sedimentation. The neighbors had attended previous Living Next to Ponds presentations and have modified their lawn care practices.
   - Harold Mellars (49 Woodfield Drive) stated that 2 homes that were for sale this year had lost buyers due to the pond. He would like to see the Glenbrook Pond be put on a list for cleaning. Geoff noted that a consultant has already been retained to look at pond improvements. The schedule is to present a preliminary plan to residents in early 2013. If a NYSDEC permit is not required, construction could begin in late 2013. This is similar to the process used for Silverwoods Pond. Mr. Mellars suggested that the town provide a mechanism for pond aesthetics instead of relying on neighbor donations. Geoff noted the new practice of requiring developers to create an Improvement District for developments to share cost of aesthetic improvements. It was noted that this would be difficult in an existing subdivision.
   - Rodney Cannarozzo (1580 Harris Road) asked if the pending Commission Ditch permit work included the tributary through the RGE station 124 site. Geoff noted that this permit was obtained and work is being scheduled for later this year. He also asked if the Town has options for the pipe ends to limit weed growth. The pipes are hard to keep clear of weeds. He suggested rip rap at pipe ends with erosion fabric.
   - Dave Woodard (1530 Harris Road) asked if RGE was intending to replace the deteriorated culvert under the Station 124 driveway. This was not part of the Planning Board approval but would be discussed with RGE. Dave also noted that he inspected the Marchner Road culvert during this summer’s dry period and noted that there was a rock dam in the channel on the north side. He requested that this be cleaned by the Town.
   - Richard Hammann (1410 Penfield Center Road) suggested that the town consider plantings to reduce erosion at Glenbrook Pond as was done when Commission Ditch was cleaned. Mr. Hammann suggested that the road culverts also need to be inspected during site visits to note locations where the steel pipes are getting flattened over time. He also would like to see the town excavate sumps at the end of all road culverts to allow sediments to collect. He suggested that the Town see if green pipes could be installed instead of standard black pipe for aesthetics. Mr. Hammann asked if the areas of concern previously documented in pictures have been addressed. Geoff stated that he will review and check that these areas were cleaned as needed. Mr. Hammann thanked the Highway Department for all of their hard work this year.
5. News & Information:
   a) Town: Geoff noted the Baird Road drainage improvements are under way as part of
      the shoulder work.
   b) State: No news.
   c) County: No news.

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

7. Next Meeting: October 1, 2012 at Town Hall Auditorium.

Respectfully submitted,
Geoff Benway

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