WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Monday, February 6, 2017, 6:30pm
Mark Valentine, Chairman, presiding
Paula Metzler, Town Board Liaison

MINUTES

I. Call to Order
   a. Attendance:
      i. Bob Garbeck, Tony LaFountain, Mike O'Connor, Eric Tait, Mark Valentine
   b. Guests:
      i. Glenbrook Pond Residents, including Harold Mellars
         Split Rail Run Residents: Tom and Cynette Cavalere, Michelle Harlan, and Frederick Lester

II. Approval of Minutes: November 7, 2016

III. Committee Discussion
   a. Watershed updates
   b. Permit updates
      i. Salt Road, North of Kennedy - The town is currently waiting for one more release to be signed
         from a town resident, before the work can start.
      ii. Heathwood Development - Drainage needs to be redefined. An application is currently pending
         with the Army Corps and DEC. The Engineering Department is working with DPW (Department
         of Public Works) to determine if this work can be done by town employees or if it is going to be
         subcontracted.
   c. Project updates
      i. Allens Creek Erosion - Brighton has been notified of the erosion and recognizes that the erosion
         is occurring upstream. In 2016, land washed out from the hillside, behind a residential property.
         Some of the neighbors have secured their embankments. The town is exploring different options
         on how to access the creek. Valentine would like to walk the property with neighbors to discuss
         access and different options. Penfield will look into grant funding for the work that is needed.
         Permits are required from the Army Corps, which could take up to a year to receive.
      ii. Atlantic Ave Ditch Cleaning - The town has not received all the responses from the neighbors.
         RG&E has no issue with the town going on their property to clean the ditch. RG&E would like to
         be contacted when the work begins. The neighbor to the North has expressed concern. The
         committee discussed accessing the ditch from County Line Road or Harris Road and to possibly
         clean all of RG&E property.
      iii. Willow Pond - Changes to the pond allows for it to become classified as a Class B, medium
         hazard pond. Prior to the work, Willow Pond was classified as a Class C, high hazard pond. The
         improvements help to control the water from the pond, through the bypass swale and into the
         emergency spill-way when needed. The intent is to create more flood storage volume. The town
         Engineering Department walked the pond in January of 2017, for its yearly inspection. It shows
         no sign of erosion, the area is clean and appealing. Burrows Bros. Inc. rutted the side of the
         roadway in November of 2016 and the town will follow up with them to get the road repaired.

IV. Public Participation
a. Split Rail Run, Resident Request - Split Rail Run swale is located opposite of Bay Trail Middle schools. The residents expressed concern with the area south of Split Rail Run and west of Scribner Road. Residents spoke of continuously wet yards, even in drought like conditions and the standing water has become a breeding ground for mosquitos. They are having trouble mowing their yards and speak of the water encroaching the upper elevations of their rear yards. The residents are looking for opinions on different solutions and what the town could do to help them with the situation occurring. Mark Valentine spoke of having recently walked the property. When the subdivision was built it only had a .5% slope for the swale. Valentine talked of the property being the responsibility of the home owners. He would like to have a survey done on the elevation of the properties effected and verify the elevation of piping. This will then be presented to the Town Board, following the results of the survey and a layout of different solutions.

b. Glenbrook Pond - Residents talked of concerns with the deep pool areas being too shallow and the silt rapidly increasing. They are concerned it will cause flooding. Mark Valentine explained the storage volume for flood storage remaining the same. Valentine explained to the residents that the committee walked the pond in the fall. Resident, Harold Mellars talked of the MuckAway used on the pond to remove organic matter at a rate of about five inches a year. He suggested the town take measurements to see if the treatment is working properly. Mellars explained that the town planned to dredge the ponds in the past, but it got too dangerous to get equipment in for the work to be completed.

V. Communications

a. Town of Penfield
   i. Private Ponds - Private pond or stormwater owners are required to have an engineer's inspection completed every three years. Letters were mailed out to property owners that did not complete the inspection in the 2016 year.

b. Monroe County Storm water Coalition
   i. MS4 Compliance - The Storm water coalition is working on updating new guidelines.

c. New York State / EPA

VI. Old Business

a. Pond Treatments - Mark valentine would like the committee to walk the treated ponds in March or April, for further discussion after reviewing the treatment outcome.

VII. New Business

a. Oath of Office
b. Valentine talked of the town purchasing a GPS survey unit, for accurate readings.

VIII. Stream Cleaning 2017

a. Valentine talked of a map currently being put together of different years streams had been cleaned. He would like to walk ditches to discuss different stream cleanings. Valentine would like to have the ditch cleaned behind the Penfield gun club, north of Atlantic.

b. Eric Tait talked of a dry pond at Shadow Creek, just south of Whalen Road. The DPW has received complaints and the channel might need to be defined.

IX. Next Meeting: March 6, 2017

X. Adjournment: 8:05pm