

Town of Chili – Drainage Committee
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Public Works - Hon. Tracy DiFlorio, Councilwoman Town of Chili

Approved Minutes
Town of Chili Drainage Committee

April 1, 2014

Matthew Sinacola, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The meeting was held at the Town Highway Garage Facility at 200 Beaver Rd.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matthew Sinacola, Chairperson, Dr. William Dingus, Secretary, Ron De George, Geoffrey
Wiater, Scott Beaman, Brian Ostling, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, and Tracy
DiFlorio, Councilwoman Town of Chili

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jarod Hirt, Vice Chairperson.

MINUTES:

The March 2014 Meeting minutes were reviewed, the Minutes were approved after minor
corrections had been made.

GUESTS:

Joy Gartland, 320 Paul Rd.: Mrs. Gartland came representing her daughter, who lives in the home. The homeowner is concerned about the buildup of silt and dirt that has started to bury a portion of a fence that separates her property from the adjoining properties on Constitution Cir. She feels that the problem first appeared approximately 20 years ago, after the homes were built along Constitution Cir. She explained that once the homes were built, the runoff from the homes began settling at the base of the property as the years went by. Three years ago, she removed a number of large bushes, and built a fence in the back of the yard. Since that time, she has noticed that every year, the fence is getting buried further and further, to the point now, that the gate that was used to go between the adjoining properties, can no longer be opened. The committee members asked a number of questions concerning sediment movement, frost heaving, vegetation (grass) growth, and incidences of heavy rain, drainage easements, and the fence itself. Brian suggested that the committee arrange a day and time to visit the property and look at the problem. He also asked the homeowner to get a copy of the Deed and any other records or photos related to the property.

OLD BUSINESS and WORK COMPLETED:

The Drainage Committee Manual was discussed for a short period of time. The consensus from the committee was that we wanted to deliver a short, simple, and readable document that the citizens of the Town would find useful and understandable. Matt and Tracy suggested that we send out the most recent draft of the Manual so that the committee members can review it again prior to getting final feedback from David Lindsay.

12 Shetland Cir.: Brian indicated that with the poor weather and continued wetness, he not been able to schedule a time to see the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

2005 and 2009, Westside Dr.: The properties in question are located between **Baylor Ct.** and **Spicewood Ln.** The individual in 2005 Westside Dr. states that the homeowner in 2009 Westside Dr. is allowing their sump pump to empty into the backyard of 2005 Westside Dr. Brian indicated that there is a 20' easement between the properties. Brian plans to conduct a site visit as weather permits to see if there is a solution to the problem. Brian feels that the problem could be fixed with the installation of a pipe to an existing catch basin. He has not ruled out the possibility of a code enforcement issue, if in fact, the sump pump is emptying out directly into the neighbor's yard.

REVIEW:

Turkish Society: The Planning Board has denied the Society's request for a preliminary approval to re-zone the property to allow for building a Sport Complex behind the future Mosque Building. There was no drainage issues raised related to the facility.

Dunkin Donuts: There are no drainage issues that need to be addressed regarding this project, at this time.

Villa Vista: The Planning Board discussed the concerns raised by the Drainage committee. David Lindsay addressed the potential drainage issues that might arise from proposed new homes runoff into the backyards of existing homes on Archer Rd. The Planning Board will discuss these issues further at the next meeting.

New Hope Sports Area: There are no drainage issues that need to be addressed regarding this project.

Robert Wesleyan College, New Nursing Facility: All drainage issues were reviewed and addressed last year during the site plan review process.

Trucking Company at 997 Behan Rd.: There is no drainage issues related to the site that required discussion. Matt suggested that committee members find the time to visit and view the site, to see how drainage can be handled in an industrial site, as compared to a residential site.

Drainage Committee Manual: Matt indicated that he would send out email copies of the revised Drainage Committee Manual to all committee members to review. Plans were made to go over the document again next month, with an eye toward getting a draft copy to the Town Council by spring 2014.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

The next meeting will be on May 6, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. William Dingus

