

DEC MEETING

EAST SHELBY ROAD QUARTER DRAINAGE ISSUE

MARCH 29, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Alan Dennis.

PRESENT: Heidi Kennedy NYSDEC, Dale Ostroski Town of Barre Highway Superintendent, Mark Chamberlain Barre Town Supervisor, Floyd (Sonny) Knowlton of DEC, Mike Wasilco of DEC, David C. Williamson property owner East Shelby Road, Dan Shuth Orleans County Soil & Water, Bob Scroger property owner Burns Road, Jim Veazey Town of Oakfield Deputy Supervisor, Francis Domoy property owner Burns Road, Brett Domoy property owner Burns Road, Dianne Domoy property owner Burns Road, Jim Simmons of Genesee County Highway, George Squires of Genesee County Soil & Water, Alan Dennis Town of Oakfield Highway Superintendent, Barry Flansburg Town of Oakfield & Barre Assessor, Melissa Haacke Town of Oakfield Town Clerk and Mike Fuller Town of Shelby Highway Superintendent.

Assessor Flansburg pulled up the pictometry of the area from 2010.

Last spring there was flooding over Crane Road and it is fairly severe. A resident of East Shelby Road stated that high water resulted in flooding to his basement. There was no flooding this year due to the lack of snow.

Heidi Kennedy of DEC stated that:

1. DEC is keeping the supply pond lower to see if this helps
2. There is a definite beaver problem in the area
3. Beaver dams are blocking water
4. There may also be beaver issues to the North which is not DEC property

Floyd (Sonny) Knowlton stated:

1. There are two beaver colonies; one is established and not impacting the situation
2. A smaller colony to the South on East Shelby Road is holding water
3. From the East Shelby Road North, to the posted boundary (private land) there is not a dam but beaver activity
4. Feels there may be a dam; North up stream
5. There appears to be a bigger problem North of DEC land which is on private property
6. If DEC receives permission to go on private land to investigate trapping permits can be issued

DEC will issue the trapping permits if land owners have a beaver problem.

Any removal of dams must be done by hand because inaccessible by equipment south of East Shelby Road.

There needs to be a determination if beavers are further north of East Shelby Road.

Superintendent Dennis stated that

1. the farmers are in a position to maintain their drainage ditches on their land

2. There are two 36" culverts in the area on East Shelby Road
3. There are two 24" pipes to the west (that were put in when the new dyke was established).
4. The Towns of Oakfield and Barre will replace the 36" culverts on East Shelby Road.
5. The Towns will work with DEC to add pipes to match the flow of the 36" culverts.

When the Oak Orchard Creek level rises above the DEC control boxes the drainage water changes directions and runs backwards; to the north.

Francis Domoy stated that East Shelby Road toward Townline has severe road deterioration.

Superintendent Dennis stated that is because the pipes are collapsing and water is not being drained from under the road.

There has to be a partnership between the Counties, Towns, DEC and private land owners.

The Town of Oakfield will take the lead to keep this project moving towards a win-win solution for all parties involved.

Francis Domoy will contact the private land owners so that DEC can determine if there are more beaver issues to the north of East Shelby Road on private land.

Superintendent Dennis stated to the residents that we can't promise to make the land dry, but we can try to stop the houses from flooding.

It was also stated that the Iroquois Wildlife Preserve should also get a copy of these minutes because some feel there is an issue with their land west of Knowlesville Road.

Once again it was stated that Genesee County has a beaver issue; DEC stated that beavers can be pelted up to May 15th. DEC does not allow live trapping because the population is so great, they must be disposed of.

Francis Domoy stated that everyone must realize there is more to this issue than just a beaver problem.

Diane Domoy asked how long it takes to get permits for the culvert piping. DEC stated that is can happen fairly quickly, within two months. All permits must go through the Avon office and there are a couple of weeks allowed for public comment. Heidi stated she would get the permit moving today (3/29/12).

Also, Superintendent Dennis stated that there is a question of who owns the two 36" pipes. It appears it is the Town of Barre because Tim Hens of Genesee County has no record of ownership. (Town will resolve)

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It was also brought to the attention of all in attendance that the Towns of Oakfield, Shelby and Barre want to get municipal water to their residents; to do this it has to come from the North through Orleans County.

DEC was asked if they would like municipal water to their facility on Podunk Road and partner with the Towns on this project.

Mike Wasilco of DEC stated that that facility is an operations office and he doesn't know what the long range plans are for the facility. Right now there are no plans for a big expansion. Mr. Wasilco stated that he will relay this to the higher ups and to the Operations Supervisor; if nothing else to have a letter of support for the Towns.

Francis Domoy thanked Alan Dennis for taking the lead on this and having this meeting.

With no further business to be brought forth, it was adjourned at 10:02 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa M. Haacke
Town Clerk