

Minutes of the Municipal Flood and Erosion Control Board of 9 May 2009

The meeting was called to order at 2:38 PM, Saturday, 9 May 2009, at the Community Room of the Vernon Police Station.

ATTENDANCE: Those in attendance were the following appointed members: Jim Hoover, Jim Tedford, Vishnu Khade, and Chris Haddock. Our Town Liaison, Terry McCarthy, Town Engineer, was excused and not in attendance as this was a Saturday and his expertise was not necessary for the purposes of this meeting.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 25 April 2009, meeting were approved with one exception, the reference to the Downstream Fund was made by Jim Tedford vice Chris Haddock. Motion to accept made by Jim Tedford, and seconded by Chris Haddock, and unanimously accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jim Hoover went over the status of the Open Items. CFO is still working Downstream Fund. Terry McCarthy has forwarded the Encroachment issue to the Town Attorney. Mrs. Wheelock has tentatively set up a class for the new GIS system for the MFECB to attend on Thursday, 14 May 2009 at the Town Hall Chambers. All members agreed to be present for the class. Hoover to notify Mrs. Wheelock of acceptance and take care of Administration for the meeting.
2. We established our next meeting date for 6 June 2009. Hoover to coordinate meeting place and administration.

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NEW BUSINESS: SITE VISITS: Site Visits were made to three sites.

1. Clark's Brook/Pond is located across from BNL, a commercial business, off Industrial Park Road.. This is a natural pond that has been filled in via erosion. The erosion appears to be caused by runoff from the interstate. This runoff is caused by I-84 drains coming onto Municipal property from the State catch basins. The flared end of the pipe that belongs to the State is rusting and needs to be unclogged. Also, ripp rapp from the interstate was noted clogging the water flow. In fact, the pond has disappeared because of the eroded material in the brook. In order to rectify this problem, the State must be notified. Jim Tedford made a motion and Chris Haddock seconded that Terry McCarthy elevate this concern to the State for further investigation and action. This passed unanimously. **ACTION: Town Engineer. SEE ATTACHEMENT 1 TO THESE MINUTES FOR 16 PHOTOS, EVIDENCE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PROBLEMS.**
2. Lily Lane, a dead end street appearing as a cul-de-sac, was visited next. Generally this is a well-constructed drainage area that requires maintenance attention. Water flows downhill and from the streets into a series of drains then into a wooded/grassy area. The drain to the pond area appears to be partially drained. The wooded/grassy area needs to be dug out and the drain cleared out in

order to prevent backflow that could potentially back up into the basements of local homes. This could put the town at risk for costs from private citizens. The detention outlet basin is well designed and placed. The Municipal Flood and Erosion Control Board unanimously recommends that the Town Engineer request a digging and maintenance request to Vernon Public Works to take care of this situation before it becomes a risk for the neighborhood and the town. **ACTION:** **Town Engineer.** SEE **ATTACHEMENT 2** TO THESE MINUTES FOR FIVE PHOTOS, EVIDENCE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PROBLEMS.

NOTE: The Residents of 19 Lily invited us onto their property to show us their back yard drainage pipes and small bridge. The pipe under the bridge has started to deteriorate. The resident stated that he had to clean the pipe frequently and did it in front of us. However, this is a private property matter, requiring no action on the part of the MFECB or the Town. It is an example of maintenance discipline and a keen eye from a citizen.

Submitted,

James M. Hoover
Chairman, Vernon MFECB