

# *Town of Canandaigua*

5440 Routes 5 & 20 West  
Canandaigua, New York 14424

## **DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*Established October 16, 2017*

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017, 9:00 A.M.**

**MINUTES—FILED WITH TOWN CLERK**

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**Meeting Called by:** Charles Oyler, *Chairperson*

**Committee Member Present:** Kathy Page

**Committee Member Excused:** Richard Krebs

**Town Representatives:** James Fletcher, Highway Superintendent  
Greg Hotaling, MRB Group, D.P.C.  
Chris Jensen, Code Enforcement Officer  
Kevin Olvany, Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council

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### **ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN OF CANANDAIGUA DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Town of Canandaigua Drainage Advisory Committee was established by the Town Board on October 16, 2017. The Town Board appointed Richard Krebs, Charles Oyler and Kathy Page to serve through December 31, 2017 (Town Board Resolution #2017-366). Terms of service may be extended by the Town Board. Mr. Oyler was appointed chair of the committee.

The Town Board wishes to understand options with existing drainage districts and explore opportunities for greater efficiency associated with special drainage districts, inventory of existing facilities, existing drainage special districts, possible funding sources and other mechanisms associated with overall storm event drainage mitigation. The Town Board wishes to additionally make available a mechanism for people to share concerns relating to drainage for further investigation.

**a. CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR**

Mr. Oyler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**b. LOCATIONS OF REPORTED DRAINAGE PROBLEMS**

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Oylar distributed a list of locations of reported drainage problems (e-mail dated November 7, 2017). The list was compiled from Town Manager Doug Finch's files following a public meeting on drainage concerns which was held this past summer with residents:

- Landings Subdivision: General stormwater issues as stated in a letter received in October related to the Landings Drainage District and the Cutri e-mail of June 28, 2017.
- 3458 Sandy Cove: Flooding of Sandy Cove, Poplar Beach and Sandy Beach areas from CMAC and FLCC.
- 3900 County Road 16: Water coming out of ditch over last 10–12 years due to blocked culvert between his house and German home and speed of water coming down the hill
- 4975 Island View Drive: Stream/water coming through basement wall and french drain from hill above his home.
- 3457 West Lake Road: Water comes across road into front yard. culvert edges bent over and filled; county not cleaning pipe, headwall and pipe blocked with debris.
- 3464 and 3476 West. Lake Road: Culvert and swale blocked with debris.
- 3456 West Lake Road: Blockage and wall change made by neighbor above.
- 3890 County Road 16: Water that has been diverted due to new construction at 3880 County Road 16.
- 3455 Sandy Cove: Flooding due to runoff from college (written report dated August 7, 2017, and e-mail dated August 16, 2017).
- 3302 Fallbrook Park: Lift station flooded causing alarm to sound due to blocked culvert at County Road 18.
- 3179 Route 21: Flooding around house and culverts overwhelmed.
- 3430 Poplar Beach: Issues caused by FLCC.
- 3528 Sandy Beach: Water running between properties to lake due to lack of a storm drainage system in Route 364.

- 3284 County Road 16: Culvert near Island View Drive not working and storm sewer at 3286; person fell in open storm sewer.
- 4870 Bedford Drive: Ashton Place; driveway and mulch washing out.

Also prior to the meeting, Mr. Jensen distributed a spreadsheet of the drainage-problem locations with additional information on the specific issue at each location and notes (*see* PDF file attached).

### C. **DISCUSSION**

General discussion comments included:

- From the initial review of the locations, the areas in the vicinities of County Road 16 and Sandy Beach seem to have the greater number of reported drainage problems.
- There are a number of conveyances—some natural and some which have been installed over the years—to channel the flow of stormwater runoff from the steep-slope area above County Road 16 into the lake, i.e., natural watercourses, culverts, concrete swales, etc.
- Upsizing existing culverts could relocate the flow of stormwater runoff into the lake or onto other properties.
- The Ontario County Department of Public Works would have to be involved in drainage projects along County Road 16; access to private property for drainage improvements may also be required for specific projects.
- Prior to meeting with Ontario County representatives, the committee should identify the areas where drainage improvement projects could be completed either by the County or as a joint Town/County initiative.
- Mr. Olvany reviewed the delineated drainage areas on the slopes above County Road 16 and on the east side of the lake in the vicinity of Sandy Beach. Prior to the development of individual drainage improvement projects, he said that a wide view of the drainage areas should be considered to determine the locations and flow of the stormwater runoff, and the impact of the flow upon adjacent properties.
- Stormwater management facilities have not been installed in a number of older residential housing and commercial developments. These facilities are now required by the Town in new developments. Mr. Oyler suggested that perhaps compensatory projects for stormwater runoff storage could be considered.

- Ontario County has mapped culverts along County Road 16 as part of the county's MS4 program initiatives. The locations of the culverts were reviewed on the map.
- Mr. Oyler suggested that prospective drainage improvement projects could be focused with concentrated efforts to resolve a number of problems by the completion of an individual project. He said that property owners should be kept well informed of the committee's work and proposed improvement projects.
- Mr. Hotaling said that the committee should take a 5,000-foot view of the overall drainage concerns and provide the Town Board and residents not only with recommended drainage improvement projects but also with the legal and financial means of how to address them.
- Mr. Olvany noted that related projects which could be completed in upstream areas—such as stormwater retention areas and crop rotations—may alleviate downstream concerns.
- The drainage problems in the Sandy Beach area were discussed. Mr. Olvany reported that efforts to reasonably reduce the drainage entering the pond system on the Finger Lakes Community College property are under study, including the reflow of water into an enhanced 17-acre wetland area. He said that a grant is being pursued to fund this project.

**D. NEXT STEPS**

- Committee members are requested to provide additional addresses and locations of drainage problems to Mr. Jensen for inclusion on the updated spreadsheet.
- Mr. Jensen will update the spreadsheet and prepare a pin map of the reported areas of concern for review at the next meeting.

**e. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the committee will be:

***TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017***

***9:00 a.m.***

***Canandaigua Town Hall***

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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E-mail distribution:

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