

**TOWN OF NEWSTEAD DRAINAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2007**

Members Present: Don Kreher
Dan Kowalik
Mike Rushok
Jim DeYoung
Robert Wideman

Others: Mark Decker – Town Board
Harold Finger – Town Board
Justin Rooney – Town Board
Jennifer Heberling – Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

Don Kreher introduced the new committee member, Robert Wideman.

Discussion on where we are with FEMA and the ditches. Danny spoke about how FEMA is going to reimburse money spent to clean ditches 200' from bridges, culverts, road crossings and residences. We have already received some money from FEMA. There has already been some clean up of brush that was removed from creeks and streams from the initial 72 hours after the storm. Discussion on how things may work going forward with FEMA. Right now they are still documenting with photographs of the various drainage problems in the Village and Town. The County stated that if we don't receive funding from FEMA, the County is going to help us obtain permits and easements for cleaning the ditches ourselves. Glen Joachimiak has been monitoring the streams and creeks.

Harold Finger discussed how he wants there to be a written plan or program as to what this committee is going to do. This committee needs to decide where they want to start. Mark would like Andrew to guide the committee as to where we should start. Dan Kowalik thinks we need to start with a Town map with every ditch and waterway labeled. Wendel had a map in process and Dan would like to see that finalized.

The committee also discussed that they feel the Drainage Committee's money should be used to complete projects and then turn the ditches over to the Town for maintenance. They do not believe that maintenance of the existing Town ditches should be funded by this committee.

There was discussion on the letter from the DEC with regards to the property at South Newstead and Main Road.

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as submitted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted
Jennifer Heberling