

**TOWN OF NEWSTEAD DRAINAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2006**

Members Present: Don Kreher
Dan Kowalik
Mike Bassanello – Highway Superintendent

Others: Brian Murray – Town Board
Harold Finger – Town Board
Jennifer Heberling – Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

Frank Falkowski – 12455 Hunts Corners Road – He explained that his house was built in 1999-2000. He has an excessive flow of water running from south to north (McNeeley to Hunts Corners). The properties that the water is coming off of are owned by Millard Young and Duwayne Grabenstetter. The swale that is on the property has become a raging creek. The former two building inspector looked at it and no follow up was ever done. The homeowners sump pump runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week and he now has 2 cracks in his foundation. Mr. Falkowski would like to know what his options are and what he can do. Photographs of the water were shown to the committee. Mr. Falkowski stated that the culvert that runs under Old Hunts Corners Road is not plugged. He has been keeping that pipe cleaned out. Brian Murray and Mike Bassanello will investigate. Also, the information will be given to the Town Engineer. We need to formulate a plan and we will get back to Mr. Falkowski.

Don Folger – Leisurewood – There is a ditch and cross-culvert that is plugged and overgrown. ADESA's Down Stream Drainage Study refers to this ditch. When Route 5 was done they opened up some properties and dropped the road culverts and now all the water goes into ADESA and the water cascades over ADESA's rock wall and goes into Leisurewood. ADESA also pushes the water with snow plows over the ledge and into Leisurewood. Don feels that cleaning out about 500' of the ditch would help matters. Rothlands currently is closed due to this water situation. The water is infiltrating Leisurewood's sewer system. Don Kreher and Mike Bassanello will take a look at the situation.

Discussion on drainage issue at 12250 Swift Mills Road, Paula Karaszewski. A formal letter will be sent to her telling her drainage situation has been taken care of.

Highway Department Report – Mike Bassanello had a map and pictures showing the mowing and ditching that has been done so far. Mike rented an excavator to put in 7 cross culverts on Martin Road. They also cleaned the openings of the cross culverts on Greenbush Road.

Discussion on the Borks on Greenbush Road. Their basement is caving in and there has been about \$30,000 of damage to the house.

Mike will continue mowing and ditching as time allows. He has demo'ed an excavator that he would like to do a rent-to-own deal on.

Don Kreher feels that the major issue on some of the ditches is just getting rid of some of the trees. There are many obstructions in the ditches.

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as submitted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted
Jennifer Heberling