

**TOWN OF NEWSTEAD DRAINAGE BOARD
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2006**

Members Present: Don Kreher
Jim DeYoung
Mike Bassanello – Highway Superintendent

Others: Mark Decker – Town Board
Harold Finger – Town Board
John Good – Code Enforcement Officer
Andrew Casolini – Town Engineer
Jennifer Heberling – Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

Henry Meinzer – 13218 Dorsch Road – Mr. Meinzer appeared and spoke about a beaver dam in Dorsch Creek that is causing serious flooding. Can't get any heavy equipment in right now due to the water on the ground. The beavers need to be trapped or removing the dam will be useless. One of the affected homeowners would be willing to trap the beavers. The residents basically wanted to know what they legally could do. Trapping season for beavers starts very soon. There is a small culvert on Dorsch Road that is on the list as a problem area.

Donald Frey – 6355 Dye Road – There is a ditch on his property and Mr. Frey asked Rothlands if he could take his ditch to Rothlands ditch. The ditch carries all the water downhill on Dye Road, back onto Mr. Frey's property. When Rothlands increased the size of the golf course, they put in a swale that empties onto Mr. Frey's property. The committee stated that this is a private drainage issue that Mr. Frey should take care of with Rothlands. Mr. Frey believes that Rothlands diverted that water. Mr. Frey does not have a good relationship with Rothlands and he doesn't believe he is able to go to Rothlands with this problem. Mr. Frey wants to know, legally, what his rights are. Andrew stated this is a localized, neighbor to neighbor type problem.

Dennis & Collette Remington – 63 Marshall Avenue – The Remington's property is in the Village of Akron. The area the property is located in has been identified as a potential project as part of the master plan. There has not yet been money designated for this project. It is on the list, but no money has been delegated. This property is located in the middle of the problem area. We need to start at the bottom and work up the ditch.

Discussion on Doug Ceisner's property at the corner of Main Road & South Newstead Road. Mike has been in contact with the DEC. The permit process will take a few more weeks. They are doing research as to if this is totally in the wetlands or is it a ditch. What are our options as to maintenance?

Discussion on Frank Falkowski's property on Hunts Corners Road. There is currently a culvert pipe that runs under the road. The recommendation has been made to dig a ditch from the culvert pipe, back along the side of his house and then take the water where ever he would like.

Discussion on Don Folger's problem at Leisurewood. Adesa had to do a study identifying all the culverts to figure out where the best place to put the water was. Andrew's thought would be to put in a relief ditch. Andrew doesn't believe there has ever been any documentation of when the pond was put in. The committee believes that if Leisurewood dropped the lake a couple of feet, the pond would be able to handle the extra water.

The committee had a discussion as to if there would be any money from FEMA with regards to drainage due to the October snow storm.

Mike Bassanello stated he is going to be working where ever is necessary for the time being.

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as submitted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted
Jennifer Heberling