

September 12th, 2011 Meeting Summary

Members present: Chair Rachel Verno, Gloria Rabinowitz, June Morris, Barry Levy, Joe Krajewski, Rik Kristiansson, Steve Abramson, Toni Maloney, Steve Lerner

Non-members present: Philip Young, Rich Warren, Jeff Murphree, Charlie Corwith, Joel Kaye, Ray Maloney, Republican candidates for the Town Board: Christine Scalera, Bill Hughes

MILL POND REMEDIATION:

The test for Phoslock, the lanthanum activated bentonite clay product to absorb phosphorus, is now scheduled for October 17, having been pushed back from August. .

Mill Pond it turns out is not the first usage in the U.S. Four small lakes in California have used the product, but the Town Trustees at their last meeting were unaware of the results or who the applicator was who applied Phoslock. The test will be in a cordoned-off section of the pond. Cost quoted to the CAC is approximately \$300,000 for full-application to pond, if test were to prove successful.

Jim Walker has reported that health of Pond has improved somewhat. CAC has FOILED to get this information. It was reported that almost 7,000 pounds of carp were removed from the pond and fishing for the carp will resume next month.

Regarding removal of lily pads, for which the Trustees had unanimously approved in resolution to apply for a NYSDEC permit, Trustee Fred Havemeyer expressed it would be too costly to remove them, but had not received an estimate for doing so.

This August marked one year since the CAC has asked Trustees for an action plan. There is a growing frustration with the lack of action on the part of the Trustees.

CAC member, Toni Maloney suggested Phoslock full-application to Mill Pond be given free by the manufacturer as it would be a great marketing tool for the company to get their product used in this lake.

Discussion followed on the various reasons that have led to the current deterioration of the pond. The Town Supervisor has formed a committee to look into septic.

WATER MILL TOWNHOUSES, PHILIP YOUNG PDD:

Philip Young and Rich Warren presented the latest status of the proposed townhouses on the approximately 6 acre parcel just east of the Water Mill Shoppes center.

Young plans to go forward with the 51 unit development project without affordable housing. However he will put money into a fund for affordable housing. The CAC has suggested that another public benefit for the PDD approval would be putting money toward the Mill Pond remediation project. The Town will also come up with a list of community benefits per the comp plan and NY State law.

With the adoption of the new PDD regulations, a new filing process has to take place in order to go forward. There will be new public hearings on this site plan.

There is an order of eviction for the tenant that owns Chariots of Fire. He has until Sept. 21 to totally vacate. He has emptied out much of his junk and cars. If he is not out by Sept 21, marshals will padlock the building.

The CAC reiterated its support for this Townhouse project.