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HOOKSETT PLANNING BOARD
WORKSHOP MEETING
MINUTES
HOOKSETT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, September 15, 2008

CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman J. Gryval called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

ATTENDANCE

Chairman J. Gryval, Vice-Chair J. McHugh, Y. Nahikian, D. Marshall, M. Sorel, R. Duhaime, D. Dreffs, B. Ehlers, D. Hemeon, and R. Guay.

Excused: Town Administrator D. Jodoin, Town Council Rep. P. Rueppel.

WAL-MART, RTE 3A & BEMIS ROAD, MAP 37, LOT 43

PETER IMSE & AMY MANZELLI, SULLOWAY & HOLLIS ATTORNEYS, AND STEVE DeCOURSEY, BOHLER ENGINEERING, DISCUSSION ON PROBLEMS THAT OCCURRED FROM THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2008 WEEKEND STORM AND HOW THEY INTEND TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION

P. Imse: We are keeping the lines of communication open as a follow-up to the recent weekend storm issues.

S. DeCoursey: The rain event, Hurricane Hannah, made 5 ½ inches of rain in less than 12 hours. A 100 yr storm makes 6 inches within 24 hours. Early Sunday morning the contractor was made aware of issues on the site. The site is under construction, and the rain was going over the partially paved parking lot. The inlets for sediment and erosion control on site have a filter sack in them, but the sacks lessens water to drain. The hill that the water went down is in the process of being stabilized. For the channelized water, the material went off site. Last week and this week, the on site and Rte 3A have been completely repaired at this point. Issues for the on-site roadway are fixed. One item to address is the material that went into lots off Rte 3A onto residents lots on Goonan Road. Jocelyn Degler, DES, requests a restoration plan to remove the material. Gove Environmental is creating the plan. We will need permission from the property owners to remove the material.

J. Gryval: I was there Sunday morning and it was a mess.

D. Marshall: Have you fixed the filter problems, so that the same thing will not happen with another storm?

S. DeCoursey: We will need to remove these filters and find another way to keep the sediment out.

Y. Nahikian: What has caused the erosion in this one area?

S. DeCoursey: The catch basin got inundated and started overflowing. A riprap berm or swale in this area would divert the water to the pond in front of the site.

D. Dreffs: Filter and fabric, are these required or optional?

S. DeCoursey: Best management practice is to keep sediment out. A large part of the front has a base down. We are still doing excavation work and that is why these filters were in.

D. Dreffs: Do you know if these filters were not there, if you would have had these problems?

S. DeCoursey: This was an extremely unusual storm and on a Saturday night, there is no worker on-site.

J. McHugh: Plants could not establish themselves on the hill. What assurance can you give us that this will not happen again?

S. DeCoursey: From the photographs I distributed, there is straw matting in place. Seeds will germinate with this weather. We propose the placement of a riprap swale or berm to divert the concentrated water from the site.

D. Hemeon: The pond on the road was quite high too.

S. DeCoursey: Infiltration system; the inlet closest to the pond was taking on more water than it should. Jocelyn Degler, DES, was not available until Thursday morning to address this issue.

D. Hemeon: The neighbors down stream, can you ask DES to drain water from their sites, if possible.

S. DeCoursey: We will work with DES on this.

M. Sorel: Any comment or statement from Stantec.

D. Tatem: We agree the reason for flooding is the sediment filters. The lack of an emergency contact number for the contractor is unacceptable. Someone should be able to be reached. The State had problems with reaching the Wal-Mart site reps.

D. Hemeon: We should be able to call someone at the project site.

D. Tatem: The Code Enforcement Officer should monitor the site.

S. DeCoursey: We reduced the size of the building, but kept the drainage for the original sized building.

J. Gryval: How much damage is there to the Goonan Road residents?

D. Hemeon: None of it made it to their backyards. It ended up in the wetland areas.

D. Tatem: Underground infiltration system should be maintained so that years from now, there are no catch basin issues.

D. Hemeon: How come the wall did not go the entire site?

S. DeCoursey: We didn't need it.

Y. Nahikian: Swale riprap?

S. DeCoursey: It could be done in a way not to disrupt the landscaping.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman J. Gryval declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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