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Special Meeting – Site Walk
September 13, 2011

Investigation of flooding/Naugatuck Housing Authority Senior Housing, Osborn Road
Chairperson Mary Davis called to order this Special Meeting – Site Walk at 10:00 AM
with the following in attendance:

MEMBERS:

Mary Davis, Chair
Joseph Bakstis, Vice Chair
Sally MacKenzie, Secretary
Marcia Puc
Alex Olbrys
Lars Johnson, Alternate, Absent

OTHER:

Keith Rosenfeld, Town Planner, WEO
Kevin Knowles, Naugatuck Housing Authority

The Commission met to convene the special meeting to investigate flooding concerns at the Naugatuck Housing Authority Senior Housing, located adjacent to Osborn Road. The Commissioners inspected the drainage ditch which was almost washed out by Hurricane Irene. Kevin Knowles explained how just previous to the rain, the Housing Authority had the watercourse dredged to allow for the increased water that they were anticipating coming through there. Additional rip rap was added to the watercourses side to lesson the erosion which was expected to occur. He explained that he had spoken to the Borough Engineer about this work. He was given the approval to move forward.

He explained that if they had not done any of the work, several units would have been flooded. He believed that the increased flow was partly due to the increased development on and adjacent to Osborn Road. It was his belief that the additional flooding was caused a failure in the detention pond for D' Archangelo Estates located adjacent to the senior housing. The group discussed rebuilding the bank with rip rap and the excavation. Mr. Knowles was advised if additional work was required, he would have to secure a wetland permit. No other discussion took place here.

Lastly, the group went to see the retention pond. The Borough Engineer explained that it appeared that the retention pond was functioning in the correct manner, but would do some additional studies to confirm this. The WEO added that he would send the owners a letter requiring additional maintenance on the pond for instance, removing some of the larger trees that had grown there. The group traveled further up Osborn Road, examining the watercourse crossing near the entrance of the Apple Hill Estates Subdivision. No outstanding issues were noticed and no other discussion took place.

The meeting was recessed at 10:30 AM to the October 5, 2011 regular meeting

Respectfully Submitted

Keith D. Rosenfeld, WEO