

A special meeting of the Village of Margaretville Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Hubbell at 3:36 pm on December 3, 2020 in the Village Offices, 773 Main Street, Margaretville, New York. The following members were in attendance:

John Hubbell	Mayor
Dave Budin	Trustee
Iris Mead	Trustee
Sarah Scully	Trustee

Also in attendance was Henry Friedman, Diana Cope and Mike Martin.

The purpose of the meeting was to review construction drawings for the Margaretville Gateway Implementation Project and determine whether to accept the plans as proposed or request that modifications be made.

\*All unanimous votes are unanimous without the Mayor voting unless otherwise noted\*

Project drawings of the draft preliminary design submitted by the engineering firm of Milone and MacBroom for the Margaretville Gateway Implementation project dated November 23, 2020 were reviewed by the board.

As per plan drawings, design components are as follows:

- Relocation of the Binnekill channel
- Addition of pool and riffle habitat features in channel
- Creation of park and floodplain area at end of former parking lot, including a gazebo and tree planting
- Removal of dam and impoundment
- Removal and appropriate disposal of sediments (testing indicates sediments are clean)
- Creation of additional parking
- Creation of stormwater retention basin and bio-infiltration swale
- Removal of trees and debris from Binnekill channel

Mayor Hubbell noted some concerns with the plan, some of which were as follows:

- Mud sill of the foundations of the buildings along the Binnekill stream. The water channel relocation should not include this area.
- The loss of possibly 8-10 parking spaces overall in the Binnekill parking lot.
- The removal of the dam near the intersection of the Binnekill and the Bull Run stream.
- Some of the components of this plan may be destroyed in the event of a flood.

Public Works Superintendent Henry Friedman was asked about his concerns. He commented that this project should not be done if the Binnekill Bulkhead Levee Repair and Improvements project is not done. If that project doesn't happen and the bulkhead fails, this project will not work as intended.

There was discussion about the plan in relation to flooding, with the understanding that this design will address the smaller flooding events in keeping floodwater off Main Street, but probably not have a large impact during a 500-year flood. There was concern that some of the components of this plan may not survive any flooding event. The board was in agreement that this plan would be beneficial and felt that a discussion with the engineer to address the concerns raised was warranted.

After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Trustee Scully to authorize the Mayor to consult with the engineers and GOSR to see if changes can be made to this plan while still staying consistent with the design and move forward with this project. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Mead and seconded by Trustee Budin to adjourn the meeting at 4:09 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Karen McMurray  
Village Clerk