

Public Hearing
Charlestown, MD 21914
June 18, 2024
6:00 PM
Charlestown Fire Hall, 307 Market Street & on Zoom

In Attendance: Renee Capano, Rob Rinehart, Richard Mahan, Jackie Akers, Tom Costanzi, Bryan Lightner, Kathy SanDoe

Public in Attendance: Pamela Mahan, Joyce Tamargo, Audrey Edwards, Ellie Chetelat and Keith Binsted, Underwood Associates

Public on Zoom: Rob Psioda, Thelma McMullen, Chris Williamson, Diana Mann

The Charlestown Athletic Complex Stream Restoration and Stormwater Project was presented by Ellie Chetelat and Keith Binsted from Underwood Associates.

The watershed is comprised of 622 acres of which, eight percent is impervious. The heaviest erosion along the stream reach is the unnamed tributary from Frederick Street, which joins Red Rum Creek. There is also erosion along Red Rum, as it travels in between the Town Park and the Elementary School property. The extent of the stream restoration is from Frederick Street to Cecil Street. There are also proposals to add stormwater management facilities, including piping stormwater runoff along Frederick Street into the park.

During Underwood's presentation, there were questions and comments received from the Commissioners and the public.

Commissioner Mahan wanted to make sure this project incorporates the other proposed upgrades at the park, including dugouts around the ballfield, a pavilion, and exercise equipment along the trail. Mr. Lightner will share this information with Underwood.

Commissioner Rinehart noted that if a pipe would be installed under Frederick Street, it would need to account for future truck traffic hauling spoils to our dredge material placement facility adjacent to the maintenance shop.

Pamela Mahan mentioned that her property along Market Street has been dealing with stormwater runoff issues from Frederick Street for 16 years.

Commissioner Rinehart cautioned that the concrete pad crossing in Red Rum Creek may be associated with the sewer main, and Mr. Lightner will contact the County to research this.

Thelma McMullen wondered what effect the stream restoration might have on Red Rum Creek, as it travels under Cecil Street and empties into the North East River. Ellie Chetelat says the purpose of a stream restoration project is to reduce the amount of sediment reaching the river. Keith Binsted said hydraulic modelling will show the projected changes to the floodplain in the area as part of the permitting phase of the project.

President Capano asked when designs for the Frederick Street pipe will be ready for construction and Keith Binsted estimates that will be in August. Commissioner Mahan stated that getting that project done as a part of Phase 1, would generate additional enthusiasm for the rest of the project.

Keith Binsted also stated that Underwood is willing to assist the Town with finding grant funding for the construction.

There being no additional questions or comments, Commissioner Akers motioned to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Costanzi seconded. Approved 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy SanDoe, Town Clerk