

Buildings and Grounds

There were a number of building improvements throughout the Town in 2017.

Senior Center

Roofing was replaced on the backside of the Senior Center. Plans were made to improve walkway access and outside lighting in 2018.



Painting

Three buildings were painted. The front of the Town Office as the back of the Library received new coats of paint as did the back of the Museum and the Museum addition.

Meeting House



The Meeting house tower was primed for painting and many clapboards on the tower were found to be rotten. A

contractor was brought in to replace many boards on the south side, a few on the north side and a few around the front door. In addition, the bottom half of the main door was rebuilt. Late in the fall, a new alarm system was installed in the Meeting House that will notify in the event of fire, glass breaking or motion.



Elliott Field

The fencing for the new Elliott Field was completed as was the electrical connection for the lights. Except for the bases and benches, the field is done. A bad storm in October overturned one of the dugout shelters which will be repaired in the spring of 2018.



New Electric Door

A new door with an electric opener has been installed at the Town office.

A bathroom!

A feature of great luxury was installed at the Transfer Station when a new bathroom

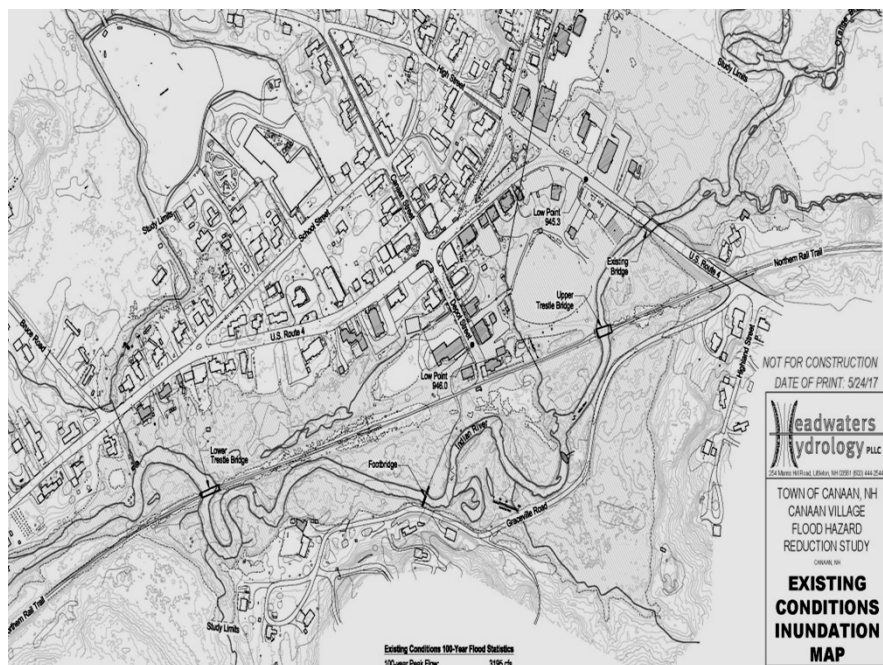
was built in the large green barn. This will replace the porta-potty that has been used previously.



Flooding

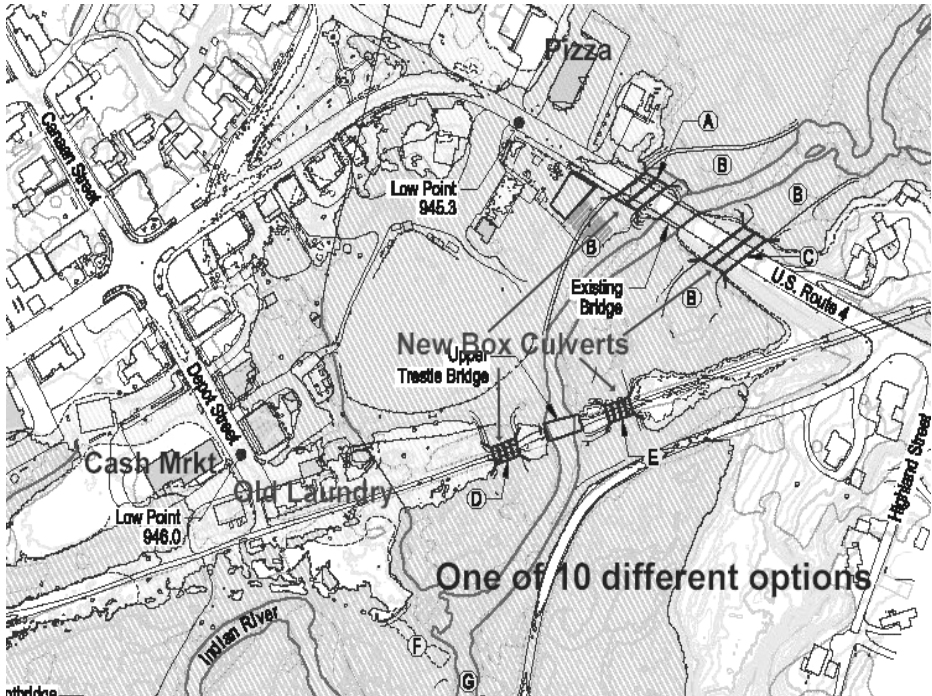
The most complex effort was the preparation of a plan to reduce the flooding of the Village. Two engineering firms were hired to assist. Sean Sweeney of Headwaters Hydrology undertook a study of the topography and assets between Orange Road and Grist Mill Hill Bridge to see if there were strategies that could be implemented to prevent flooding of the core Village.

The study found that serious floods like the flood that occurred during Hurricane Irene inundate 32 buildings in the Village and raise waters by as much as 4 feet.



The study concluded that efforts to move water more quickly through the Village would protect almost all of the important buildings in the Village. The areas that need to be addressed include widening the passage ways under the Route 4 Bridge near Canaan Village Pizza, building passageways to double the flow under or over the rail trail near the trestle at the back of Williams Field and doing the same thing behind Dale Barney's house on the west end of the Village.

There were three major components of the solution. First, construct one or two additional passageways under Route 4 to allow more water to go through rather than back up into Dow's field until it floods around Canaan Village Pizza. Second, create a culvert system or spillways across the rail trail by the two existing trestles to double the flow of water through those areas when it starts to flood. The costs range from \$600,000 to \$5 million dollars. Obviously, we are interested in a solution that is cost effective and affordable.



We recorded video of the October storm and the January storm and documented that the water backs up behind the rail trail into Williams field and up to the back of the Cardigan Mountain Realty and Majewski properties before it runs across the road from the Canaan Village Pizza to Williams Field. It clearly demonstrates the dam created by the rail trail.

Chris Fournier of HEB Engineers, has hired to coordinate securing funds for the implementation of corrections to the rail trail and bridge area.

A meeting with 25 state and rail trail officials was recently organized that will lead to a task force that addresses the need. This will be a multi-year project to secure permission and funding for the solutions.

In the mean-time, volunteers sandbagged the Cardigan Mountain Realty and Majewski properties when the October flood waters threatened them.



Respectfully Submitted, Mike Samson, Town Administrator