

Town of Richmond Select Board Meeting 7/15/24

Residents of Lily Pond Circle, Red Barn Lane, Oniel Drive, and Rt 2

Addressing the Flood of 7/10/24

Topics to be raised by the residents:

- Disaster response by the Town of Richmond
- Causes of the flood which affected residents of Lily Pond Cir., Red Barn Lane, and certain residents of Rt 2.
- Requests of the Town of Richmond for assistance.

Issues discussed primarily affect the residents on Red Barn Ln (road to the left of Lily Pond Cir), the residents of Rt. 2 between Snipe Ireland and Lily Pond Cir, residents of Lily Pond Cir. and residents of Oneil Drive.  
**This is 21 Households.**



Major flooding on the Snipe Island Brook occurred between Snipe Ireland Rd and the far side of Lily Pond Cir, predominately due to a clogged culvert (and subsequent road blow-out) on Oniel Dr.



Log Jam in Oneil Culverts on Snipe Island Brook, Looking Downstream



Oneil Culverts on Snipe Island Brook, Looking Upstream



Current Situation on Oneil Drive. Road is gone. Estimated 35-40ft gap



10 homes remain isolated on Oneil Dr. today. Only access to the is in a makeshift path through residents' yards on Lily Pond Cir.



11 Homes Downstream of the Culvert on Oneil Took on Water  
6 Homes and Properties Severely Damaged  
5 Homes and Properties Moderately Damaged



Water level in Lily Pond Cir reached windows



Furnaces, furniture, flooring, drywall destroyed and removed in 6 homes



Significant changes to the landscape and huge mud deposits



Six cars totaled





# Snipe Island Brook Issues

Richmond Pond drained

Snipe Ireland culvert failure

Drainage issues with work done by power company adding additional water flow into flooded area

Oneil Drive culvert failure

Flooded area

Rt. 2 (rebuilt in 2023) now 2ft higher than before with no drainage added



Rt 2 was raised by 2ft in VTrans rebuild completed in 2023. Historically, water could flow out of Red Barn Lane and Lily Pond Cir, over Rt 2. and into the field on the Other Side.



# Requests of the Town of Richmond

- Immediate Needs:
  - Town to take ownership of Oneil Drive from Snipe Ireland Rd to the end of the bridge.
  - Town funding a short-term solution to allow access to the residences on Oneil Drive.
- Additional Requests:
  - Post-Mortem of Town's disaster response to Snipe Island Brook flooding
  - Town to partner with the state and/or federal governments to fund the long-term solution for an appropriately sized bridge on Oneil Drive
  - Town to determine the causes and implications of Rt 2 construction missteps (raising of the road and adding no drainage).
  - Town to partner with the VT Department of Natural Resources to study the Snipe Island Brook.
  - Town to partner with the state to implement solutions on Snipe Island brook to mitigate flood damage to homes downstream.