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**FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday January 19, 2021
7:00 pm
Via Zoom
Fairfield, CT 06824**

MINUTES

Members Present: Becky Bunnell-Chair, Don Lamberty-Vice Chair, Richard Dmochowski-Secretary, Paul Landino, Peter Wiswell

Others Present: Laura Pulie

ITEM 1 ON CALL: Approval of December 15, 2020 DRAFT minutes

D. Dmochowski made a motion to approve the minutes of 12/15/20. P. Landino seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 2 ON CALL: Review of FECB master plan

L. Pulie reviewed items on the FECB master plan:

The Waste Water Treatment Plant hardening: The company out of Boston doing the work is on winter hiatus. There is 450 feet left of steel sheeting (of 2800 feet) and two locations of road raising on Richard White Way. They will do that in the spring when the weather is better. They are still waiting for the EPA to tell them how to proceed with DEEP regarding the historically contaminated soil. (Not pertaining to the fill pile) There were old rubber remnants that had to be disposed as contaminated material. It was mitigated completely and the water system was decontaminated as well. That is complete. It is in good shape and the contractor will remain on site until the work is done. Pump Station 2 will be installed next week. The micro grid has not been done yet. Trenching needs to be done, but it still needs approval. It will be done this year and it will cover the waste water treatment plant.

Riverside Drive: It is 90% designed. John Richer will proceed to complete documents. There was a delay regarding the temporary by-pass pump to be sure it would work during all flow events. Once the design is complete they will go for funding. Will need to test for soil contamination and they will need to be sur the funding isn't short. Laura has a meeting with Bill Norton from WPCA as they should contribute some cost. The remaining costs will be done through the town. Once they know the cost they can go to the BOS and BOF for funding.

Rooster River: Bill Hurley was prioritizing the detention basin on Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course. The list of priorities is Woodfield Village, Owen Fish Park.

Fairfield Beach Road Survey: It is still going on but the survey is not complete. The Pine Creek Tide Gate "historical railroad" bridge has to stay there. They can do the work and then put it back.

Salt Meadow Tide Gates: Various tide gate conditions were discussed.

L. Pulie also said there has been no final determination on FEMA funds for Penfield Pavilion. The new administration is trying to work with FEMA to get a positive outcome.

There were two water main breaches on Fairfield Beach Road. Aquarian is looking to put in a new water main.

A storm water pump station at Jennings Beach is being designed. The detailed design will cost 1.2M and they are going for the BOS and BOF to let them go out to bid and get the permits in place.

R. Dmochowski congratulated L. Pulie on her new position of Town Assistant Engineering Manager.

ITEM 3 ON CALL: 2015 FECB plan update and POCD and Strat plan letters

R. Dmochowski and B. Bunnell will meet to get a new plan and send it to Emmeline. It is ongoing. The updated master plan with a list of topics will need to be done by 1/28/21. B. Bunnell will send all meeting information.

ITEM 4 ON CALL: Outreach to James O'Donnell from Circa

B. Bunnell and D. Lamberty will reach out to J. O'Donnell to see how and where the students can help to do the modeling. She asked Emmeline, Bill and Laura from the town to join them. Maybe they can suggest resources. They are hoping to look into Fairfield's specific issues. Fairfield has the most waterfront homes which makes it a number one risk. Circa might be able to help the FECB speak with DEEP about projects like the Penfield Reef. West Haven is also looking onto a project like that.

ITEM 5 ON CALL: CRS (Community Rating system) Flood Plain Management plan comments

Emmeline has to update the CRS. B. Bunnell wants to send an updated plan with the comments regarding concern they were not included in the CRS plan. When something is in the CRS plan it will help applying for grants. B. Bunnell sent comments on the CRS plan. The original list had 66 items. This one only has 33. B. Bunnell voiced her concern and sent a detailed plan last March. Emmeline thought they were complete and now she is asking for input from the FECB to present to the BOS on February 1st. It isn't an updated document. FECB needs to share what needs to be in the document. The FECB went through the 33 items on the report and some items were completed. Some descriptions need to be updated. They also know that any money taken from the Federal Government to restore beaches would make them public beaches and there would need to be public access.

R. Dmochowski and B. Bunnell had questions regarding extending the dike along Harbor Road. There are tide gates there too. It is raised up enough to see, but it still floods into Westway Road. B. Bunnell said that since the ACOE has gone, the items that they were going to work on need to go back into the CRS. B. Bunnell and R. Dmochowski will meet with Emmeline and go over their notes and suggestions for the CRS 2020/2021. They would like to add a feasibility study for high action wave damage. Other suggestions include Education and Awareness: educating residents to better flood proof their home and steer them to grants that could help them protect their houses.

ITEM 6 ON CALL: Additional old or new business as may come before the Board

There was nothing additional brought before the board. The next meeting is on 2/16/21.

ITEM 7 ON CALL: Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary