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FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday May 18, 2021

7:00 pm

Via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81363501086>

Fairfield, CT 06824

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: B.Bunnell-Chair, D. Lamberty-Vice Chair, R. Dmochowski-Secretary, P. Landino

MEMBERS ABSENT: P. Wiswell

ITEM 1 ON CALL: Approval of March and April 2021 DRAFT minutes

R. Dmochowski suggested corrections to the minutes of April. The Board had previously approved March. D. Lamberty made a motion to approve the April minutes as amended. R. Dmochowski seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 2 ON CALL: Review of FECB master plan

- **Circa Modelling** - CIRCA is doing modeling for FECB which will be folded into the 2021 FECB master plan. R. Dmochowski and B. Bunnell are working with GZA and will follow up regarding the proposal to do the resiliency plan. The objective is to work with CIRCA and GZA together to understand cost and put it in next year's budget and ultimately fold this into the Metrocog resiliency plan. Circa is modeling the shoreline on where major flood events happen based on sea level rise and results from Storm Sandy. P. Landino suggested adding the baseline and ask for additional funding to expand scope.
- **Perry's Green** - B. Bunnell said she has been approached by the Pequot Yacht Club because they want to re-do their sea wall and boat launch infrastructure. The discussion was to coordinate it with Town funded work at Perry's Green. She reached out to Bill Hurley to discuss. According to a DEEP webinar, if you are repairing your seawall, you can increase its height by up to one foot. There is a cost involved, but B. Bunnell thought this should be the recommendation. She will ask B. Hurley and engineering how to make the 1-foot sea wall raising an ordinance, the same way you have to elevate your house if you spend more than 50% in a renovation. D. Dmochowski spoke with B. Hurley about the Perry's Green tide gates. The culvert under the road is ready to be rehabilitated with tide gates. Not sure if the project is yet funded.

- **Fairfield Beach Club stretch** - \$100K was approved for designing a sea wall along Fairfield Beach Road by the Fairfield Beach Club. It has not gone out to bid, but B. Bunnell will get copies of RFP sent to FECB when it is complete.
- **WWTP update** - Additional money for the Waste Water Treatment Plant is being approved to cover the cost of additional remediation. The new cost of the project is \$9,607,000.
- FEMA rejected the request for \$4,340,000 for Penfield Pavilion. The repairs will have to be financed through bonding.

ITEM 3 ON CALL: FECB Resilience planning meetings

HR-6441 is a legislative-bill which, among other things, allows the towns to create a resiliency fund and fund it with buyers and or sellers conveyance fees. B. Bunnell has spoken to several RTM Members about support for resiliency funds. They suggested outreach meetings to tell people about the damage flooding will cause. The Resiliency Fund will need town level support. P. Landino suggested parallel ways to fund it and will prepare a section of alternate town funding options for the next meeting. B. Bunnell would like to do a presentation to each RMT district that has significant flooding or potential of flooding in the fall. R. Dmochowski said the HR 6441 allows the town to decide how they fund Resiliency and they could find matching funds through a grant.

NOTE: HB 6441 was under consideration by the CT Legislature in May and a more definitive understanding of the details such as Stormwater Authority, Revenue sources and Resiliency Funds will be necessary prior to making the noted presentations.

ITEM 4 ON CALL: Additional old or new business as may come before the Board
There was nothing additional to discuss.

NOTE: next 2021 FECB meeting date
June 15th

The meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary

Approved at 6/15/21 FECB Meeting with minor changes entered by R. Dmochowski