

Regular Meeting of Flood & Erosion Control Board Tuesday, March 17 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Conference call Dial in:712 770-4598, PIN: 688089

NOTE: In view of the Town's goal "... to limit community transmission as much as possible...", we will hold this month's meeting as a teleconference. Members of the public will be afforded the opportunity to comment.

MINUTES

Attendees: B. Bunnell, R. Dmochowski, D. Lamberty, P. Landino

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm

ITEM 1 ON CALL: Approval of 2/20/20 DRAFT Minutes

R. Dmochowski suggested changes in item 2 ("they" to "FECB" and "designed" to "detailed designs are in progress".) *D. Lamberty made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. R. Dmochowski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

ITEM 2 ON CALL: Review of FECB master plan: five year funding plan

B. Bunnell had emailed the FECB Master Plan Timeline Jan 2020 and it was reviewed. B. Bunnell said the intent is to meet with the First Selectwoman to go through the list and get projects onto the waterfall chart for the fall budget session. D. Lamberty asked who is in charge of making decisions regarding raising the bulkheads on the Fairfield Beach Road side of Pine Creek. B. Bunnell said they will have conversations with DEEP first, which could potentially last 2 years, and then the homeowners would pay for the implementation. The idea would be to sit down with the town and with DEEP and agree to a height and appropriate jurisdiction. B. Bunnell would propose, going forward, minimum bulkhead heights be 8'-10', which was the approved height through the town prior to DEEP changing it. Site plans have to be approved by DEEP first and then it goes to the town for approval. Some of the items for the 2020 budget year are still pending RTM approval. B. Bunnell and R. Dmochowski will go over the chart and update and prioritize the status of the projects.

ITEM 3 ON CALL: Discussion of FECB size including potential for a Resiliency Committee

B. Bunnell told the committee she is looking at 2 options:

- Ask for additional members – 3 alternates
- FECB stays on its own and becomes part of a larger resiliency committee. (It would be a total resiliency committee for the whole town and not just the FECB.)

R. Dmochowski watched a presentation online from the Town of Madison. They didn't mention that they had a FECB in the presentation, only the resiliency committee. B. Bunnell wants to keep the FECB and have a resiliency committee for Fairfield. The Town Charter would need to be revised to include the full state statute regarding Fairfield's FECB so the board will have the

full powers as detailed in the state statute. The FECB would request to have alternate members in addition to forming a town resiliency committee. P. Landino asked if the alternates would have term limits and would they be able to become full members of the FECB at some point. B. Bunnell will follow up with P. Wiswell on his interpretation of the Town Charter. R. Dmochowski stated that he thought the First Selectwoman was interested in forming a charter revision committee and it would be a good time to present this to the BOS.

FECB discussed moving forward with adding 2-3 alternate members with no term limits, as well as, recommends modifying the current Town Charter to include all of the state statutes (25-84 and 25-94) responsibilities to the charter for the FECB. In addition, the FECB recommends creating a larger resiliency committee that is similar to the Hazard Mitigation Plan committee. They would meet at least 2x/yr to create a long term plan for potential sea level rise and increased storm and rain events for the town. R. Dmochowski read the state statute that stated FECB can have 5-7 full members on the committee. The Fairfield Town Charter of FECB empowerment is not clear. Action items for future discussion:

- Add state statutes 25-85 through 25-94 to the Town Charter
- Add 2 full time members to the FECB with the option to have 3 alternates who would have no term limits.
- Propose a resiliency committee

ITEM 4 ON CALL: Additional old or new Business as may come before the Board

B. Bunnell emailed the committee a draft letter to Jim Wendt, Planning Director and Emmeline Harrison, Assistant Planning Director addressing the items eliminated from the CRS 2020 plan. After reviewing and making some edits to the letter, *R. Dmochowski made a motion to send the letter to the Planning Director and Assistant Planning Director, and to cc: First Selectwoman Kupchick and the Planning and Zoning Commission. D. Lamberty seconded the motion.*

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Bunnell emailed the committee the Flood and Erosion Control Board Newsletter, March 2020 for review. R. Dmochowski had put his comments in an email and sent them to the committee. The purpose of the newsletter is to encourage people to go to the website and see all of the things the FECB does. There are links included to both the ACOE and town plans. After making some edits, B. Bunnell will work with the Selectwoman's office to send it out through the town email list. It will include an "opt out" option.

Being that there was no new business, *R. Dmochowski motioned to adjourn. D. Lamberty seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien

Recording Secretary