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FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday August 18, 2020

7:00 pm

Via Teleconference

Fairfield, CT 06824

MINUTES- Approved 9/15/20

Attendees: B. Bunnell, Chair, D. Lamberty, Vice-Chair, R. Dmochowski, Secretary, P. Landino, P. Wiswell

B. Bunnell called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

ITEM 1 ON CALL: Approval of 7/21/20 DRAFT Minutes

R. Dmochowski made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. D. Lamberty seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 2 ON CALL: Review of FECB master plan: five- year funding plan and updates on Master plan

B. Bunnell said there was a Rooster River meeting scheduled for 8/27. It is not a firm date, but they are trying to move it forward. R. Dmochowski sent out an updated version of the Master Plan. He divided it into two categories of hard and soft projects. The status of these projects is a work in progress. He will have additional updates at the September meeting. The Waste Water Project had a meeting on 7/15/20 to resolve soil contamination issues which will delay the project. PCB's were detected. DEEP & EPA approved remediation plan submitted but have not signed documents. Should be soon but the project will take longer and cost more. Some highlights from the list:

South Benson Pumping: has not gone out to bid. He will stay in touch with Bill Hurley and Brian Carey to keep it on the capital plan.

Shoreline Resiliency at Penfield Beach: B. Bunnell is putting together a plan. They will not get reimbursement and the funds went to waste water resiliency. B. Bunnell said they will need to apply for more grants.

ACOE Study for CT Shoreline: There is not plan yet, but will request that for the next meeting.

Engineered Beaches: The ACOE is requiring the town to remove the cobbles at Sasco Beach, regrade the sand and replace the cobbles.

Fairfield Beach Road Drainage: house at 1460 still getting flooding when it rains. R. Dmochowski will ask Bill Hurley where the project stands.

Lower Rooster River: Will update for next meeting.

Upper Rooster River: The meeting is scheduled for this month and the backup is September. They have drone pictures. People are invited to join the meeting and conversation. FECB will send two people who will report back at the next FECB meeting.

Fairfield Beach Road: Surveyers were to survey al of FBR to see where the road needs to be raised/leveled. Update for September meeting.

There are two properties on FBR where the owners want to replace garages and build new structures. They have to replace the bulkhead and B. Bunnell would like to suggest 8ft bulkheads.

FECB Newsletter: B. Bunnell will follow up and update at the next meeting.

R. Dmochowski said he was unclear on the 5 year funding plan. B. Bunnell said the projects would be prioritized and presented to the BOS for discussion on how to protect the town from flooding, erosion and rising water going forward. She will speak with Selectman Tom Flynn and ask him the best way to get it on the BOS agenda for a future meeting. B. Bunnell said the FECB will work with Bill Hurley and Laura Pulie to put a plan together and she will email it to the group and get everyone's opinion.

ITEM 3 ON CALL: Discussion of POCD and FECB input

B. Bunnell will get the POCD input from Emmeline Harrigan regarding the workshop findings from the three that were done late summer/fall last year.

ITEM 4 on CALL: Update on discussions for a Town resiliency fund

B. Bunnell said she spoke with Selectman Tom Flynn regarding the town resiliency fund, which is a fund to plan against sea level rise and storms. He supports the concept. He will advise B. Bunnell on how to get it on the BOS agenda. Right now the town is trying to avoid a tax increase. B. Bunnell will draft a proposal and send it out to the FECB prior to sending it to Selectman Flynn.

ITEM 5 on CALL: Final review of proposed Charter Revision.

This was discussed at the last meeting and R. Dmochowski sent a draft out to the FECB. It will have to get on the 9/14/20 BOS agenda for presentation. R. Dmochowski will send out the final edit and he asked P. Wiswell to be sure his suggestions and language are included. B. Bunnell asked everyone to review the document to be sure they all agree. P. Wiswell stated he called the town attorney Jim Baldwin regarding the town charter, but hasn't heard from him at the time of this meeting.

ITEM 6 on CALL: Revisit the Pine Creek Bulkhead Topic in light of the active ZBA Request.

R. Dmochowski will ask the Conservation dept for minutes from meeting from the 1990's. He would like to see where the bulkhead line was run then and read minutes to see how things were approved and by whom. ACOE needs to approve a plan for FBR residents on Pine Creek. There is an

appointment with Diane (FEMA liaison w/DEEP) regarding rainy day flooding. The objective is to start the dialog and build relationships with FEMA and DEEP.

ITEM 7 ON CALL: Additional old or new Business as may come before the Board

With no new business to discuss, B. Bunnell adjourned the meeting at 8:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary