



**Town of Greenwich
Flood and Erosion Control Board
February 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes
3:30 pm – Cone Room, Town Hall, Greenwich, Connecticut**

Those attending: Edward Schmeltz, Aubrey Mead, Jr., John Stankunas, Peter Finkbeiner, Robert Cenci (alt.), Allison Walsh (alt.)

Town staff present: James Michel, Dawn Zimmerman and Cindy Baumann, CDM Smith

Public Attendees: Daniel Abaroa, Elena Cantavero

The following summarizes the items discussed at the recent Flood & Erosion Control Board (the Board) meeting held at the Town Hall on Thursday, February 15, 2018. The discussion has been grouped based on the topics identified in the meeting agenda.

Call to Order and Administrative Matters

The meeting was called to order in the Town Hall. A motion by A. Mead, second by P. Finkbeiner to approve the meeting minutes from the December 12, 2017 carried.

Byram River Study Update

The monthly status meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) was held earlier in the day. The following were the main items discussed at that meeting:

- A meeting is scheduled with the New York District and Headquarters staff from the ACOE for the end of April/early May to discuss the Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP).
- The draft Feasibility Study Report will be released this summer, within 60 days of the TSP meeting.
- Federal funding is still a concern for moving forward with the Byram River project.

Capital Projects Update

Project updates were provided for:

- Church Street Drainage System Improvements – this project is complete with the exception of sidewalk work. Sidewalks and curbs on Sherwood will be installed Spring 2018.
- Sound Beach Avenue Drainage System Improvements – This project is complete up to Park Avenue. Remaining work includes Park Avenue, Highview Avenue, Arcadia Road, and Lockwood Avenue. The project is currently shutdown for the winter and will resume

in April 2018. It is anticipated that construction will restart in April and be completed by Fall 2018.

- Sound Beach Avenue Bridge, Roundabout and Road Raising project/ Cider Mill Brook – This road raising near Perrot Library was discussed as an alternative to the Cider Mill Brook project listed as a high priority on the master plan list. The Board supports the proposal by DPW as an acceptable means of accomplishing the emergency access needs in and out of Old Greenwich. This project would replace the railroad culvert project previously discussed which the Board expressed concerns may be more harmful than beneficial. This project had a public meeting on January 25, 2018 and is moving to final design with a targeted bid date of January 2019.
- Strickland Brook Drainage – A workshop was held prior to the regularly scheduled meeting - See workshop minutes. No further discussion was held at this meeting.
- Final Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) approval of the FY19 budget is expected by the end of March 2018 for submission to the Representative Town Meeting (RTM) for consideration in May.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Public Comment

- Daniel Abaroa presented on the issues and concerns surrounding flooding in the Palmer Hill Road area. The Board explained that in 2016 the ranking and prioritization list was reorganized into four groups. The four groups are 1) Emergency Access projects, 2) Priority Projects after Group 1 complete, 3) Public Projects of Opportunity, 4) Private Projects to be completed by others. The Board stated that some of the information presented by Mr. Abaroa was incorrect. The Board emphasized that the Town Drainage Manual issues he raised were outside their purview and should be addressed with the Land Use Department and Public Works.
- Elena Cantavero recommended cleaning the Palmer Hill Road culvert and replacing the grate which gets clogged regularly.

The next FECB meeting will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 3:00 PM.

A motion was made by J. Stankunas and seconded by A. Mead to adjourn the meeting.