



**Town of Greenwich
Flood and Erosion Control Board
February 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes
3:00 pm – Via ZOOM Virtual Meeting, Greenwich, Connecticut**

Those attending: Edward Schmeltz, Aubrey Mead, John Stankunas, Peter Finkbeiner, Donna Laviolette (alt.), Allison Walsh (Alt.)

Town staff present: James Michel, Dawn Zimmerman

Others: Cindy Baumann – CDM Smith, Inc.

The following summarizes the items discussed at the recent Flood & Erosion Control Board (the Board) meeting held virtually via Zoom. 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 virtually at 3:02PM. The meeting minutes from the previous Board meeting on December 10, 2020 were approved.

Byram River Study Update

- DPW will continue to work with NYSDOT for creating a funding agreement. Until then, no new information or updates.

Capital Projects Update

It is a very challenging budget year with the BET guidelines requesting a \$55M capital budget but the proposal is around \$90M. Other than our normal stormwater maintenance project, we do not have any specific new projects in this budget request. There are the ongoing stormwater projects that were funded in prior budget cycles.

Project updates were provided for:

- **Strickland Brook Alternative Analysis:** DPW & CDM Smith continue to look at additional alternatives to address this project. The latest alternatives include an additional diversion culvert from the park to Mill Pond through the school properties and also an update of the non-structural plan. We are targeting a workshop for March or April with a public meeting in May.

New Business

- Ed discussed the state climate legislation- Ed noted that this is the Governor's proposal and it is not yet a formal bill (needs to go through process). Donna offered to help with information for climate mitigation.

- We should look at the possibility of potential funding from government for hazard mitigation and resiliency plans.
- The FECB can possibly review the Drainage Manual and make suggestions to update or change policy.
- There was discussion about looking at and possibly updating, the goals and mission statement of FECB.

Old Business

- Town is doing a resiliency study- hope to identify projects, needs, risks in Town. There are placeholders in future years of Budget for these things. Jim will get a copy of the draft resiliency study, so Board can look at it. We want to understand what the focus is.
- It was suggested that we ask Pat Sesto back to another meeting to discuss the resiliency plan. Jim will see if she is available for May meeting.
- Hollow Wood Road project- it has gone through preliminary discussions with P&Z- formal application has not been submitted. There are many concerns with this potential project. Traffic, drainage, etc.

The next FECB meeting will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 3:00 PM.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.