Call to Order and Administrative Matters

The meeting was called to order in the Town Hall. Meeting minutes from the previous Board meeting on December 18, 2104 were approved. No comments were made on the meeting minutes and a motion to accept was made and seconded.

Byram River Study Update

James Michel provided an update on the Byram River Basin Feasibility Study. The ACOE has received funding to allow continuation of the study. The ACOE has committed $700,000 for FY 2015 and $703,000 for FY 2016.

The Town has requested for the ACOE to submit an updated scope, deliverables and a modified Project Management Plan (PMP).

It was determined that the Nonstructural Plan was the only alternative with a benefit-cost ratio (B/C) greater than 1 and therefore it is most likely that a nonstructural plan will be selected as the recommended alternative. The Nonstructural Plan is a property by property plan for improvements (i.e. floodwalls, localized levees, elevation, wet and dry flood proofing). All improvements are recommended based on the 100-year flood elevation.

The B/C for the Nonstructural Plan was found to be greater than 1 for the 10-year storm event only, and less than 1 for the 100-year and 500-year storm event. Therefore, as part of the next phase of the study the 25-year and 50-year storm will be added to the evaluation.

A Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) is scheduled to be complete by March 2016. The plan is projected to be finalized by mid-2017.

A public meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2015 at the Western Greenwich Civic Center. The following will be discussed at the meeting:

- Study Status
- Delays and Reasoning for Delays
- Alternatives
- Nonstructural Plan
Funding for the study are expected to be split 50/50 between the Town and the ACOE. Currently, the Town has contributed significantly more funds to the study than the ACOE due to funding constraints with the ACOE. The Town did not anticipate the ACOE receiving funding to work on the study for FY 2015, and therefore did not include money in the budget for the study. Typically recommendations resulting from this study would be funded federally 65% and locally 35%.

**Capital Projects Update**

The status of the stormwater capital projects were presented and discussed (See attached CIP-Stormwater Projects Memo, 3/12/2015).

**Anticipated Funding for Flood Capital Projects**

The status of funding for stormwater capital projects was presented and discussed (See attached CIP-Stormwater Projects Memo, 3/12/2015).

James Michel mentioned that the budget was cut from $7 million to $5.1 million. Although the dollar amount was adjusted down no items were eliminated from the plan at this time.

**Old Business**

No old business was discussed.

**New Business**

The following dates are tentatively set for the next FECB meetings:

- May 14, 2015
- September 17, 2015
- December 17, 2015

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
To: FECB Members

Copy: Amy Siebert, Cindy Bauman

From: Jim Michel

Re: CIP – Stormwater Projects

The following is the status of the CIP projects funded in prior years:

Stormwater Master Planning – $250,000 – Funds were provided to continue the Byram River Study. Project was put on hold awaiting ACOE to find funding.

Binney Park Sedimentation Improvements – $120,000 – Final Design has begun. Awaiting snow melt for survey to be completed. Design to be completed during summer 2015.

Church Street Storm Drain Replacement – $1,700,000 – The project was rebid 3/5/15. Seven bids were received ranging from $871K to $3.7M for the work on Mason and Church St. We are currently completing a reference check on the apparent low bidder and will be looking to award in the next month for start of construction in May 2015.

Sound Beach/Arcadia Storm Drain Replacement – $200,000 – Initial Survey is being completed of the area to obtain exact topographic data. Design calculations and system analysis has started. The focus area is starting at the OG Train Station in coordination with the CTDOT project.

Stormwater Drainage Maintenance/Improvements – $250,000 – The Pemberwick Road Drainage Project has been completed utilizing these funds. Other minor drainage projects are being reviewed for completion with this funding.

The total funds related to stormwater in the 2015/16 budget are $5,130,000.

The following are in the BET Budget Committee’s recommended budget for 2015/2016.

Stormwater Program Compliance – $250,000 – Based on the new requirements for the MS4 Permit, there are many additional reporting items that may be needed which may require significant funding and staffing.

Stormwater Drainage Maintenance and Improvements - $750,000 – This funding will be to address some of the higher priority projects on the master project list.
Binney Park Sedimentation – $730,000 – This is the funding to complete the construction of the improvements based on the report and design to be completed this year.

Church Street Storm Drainage Replacement – $2,850,000 – This will be for the Phase II improvements. An additional phase will be requested in 2016/17 budget.

Sound Beach/Arcadia Storm Drain Improvements - $300,000 – This funding will be for the final design plans for the project on the master list.

Strickland Brook-Cos Cob Harbor - $250,000 – This funding will be used to start the master plan preliminary design including obtaining a survey, doing an update to the mapping and also storm drain inspections.