



**Town of Greenwich  
Flood and Erosion Control Board  
May 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes  
3:00 pm – Mazza Room, Town Hall, Greenwich, Connecticut**

Those attending: Edward Schmeltz, Aubrey Mead, Jr., John Stankunas

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

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The following summarizes the items discussed at the recent Flood & Erosion Control Board (the Board) meeting held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. 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. It was noted that Mark Weller, an alternate for the FECB, is approaching the end of his term and will not participate on the board for another term.

Per request from the RTM Appointments Committee, the Board will coordinate with the committee with respect to suggestions for candidate expertise.

The meeting minutes from the previous Board meeting on February 14, 2017 were approved.

### **Byram River Study Update**

An update on the project status was provided. The Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) completed their benefit cost ratio (BCR) evaluation of the different alternatives. Two projects came out with BCRs greater than 1.0:

1. 10-Year Nonstructural Plan
2. Route 1 Bridge Replacement

Discussion was held weighing out the pros and cons of each alternative. The Town plans to hold a Public Meeting to inform residents of the project status. There was a sense that the public would find the Route 1 Bridge Alternative more attractive

### **Capital Projects Update**

The Town budget was presented.

Project updates were provided for the Church Street Drainage System Improvements, Strickland Brook Alternative Analysis, Sound Beach Avenue Drainage System Improvements, Hillside Road/Route 1 Improvements, and the Additional Railroad culvert study in conjunction with the Sound Beach Avenue bridge replacement.

The updated CIP lists were discussed and they will be published on the DPW website and the FECB website once the FECB provides final comments.

## **New Business**

The following was discussed regarding new business:

- The Town is considering purchasing the parcel next to the Cos Cob Library parking lot to expand the library which in turn would require expansion of the parking lot. The question was asked if the purchase of this property created an opportunity to include a hydraulic improvement project that might have a positive impact on flood levels in the brook. More thought would be given to this idea

## **Old Business**

The following was discussed regarding old business:

- The content of a letter for residents regarding flood insurance and FEMA floodplain requirements along with its distribution and posting of the information were discussed.
- The FECB has received calls from Daniel Abaroa regarding modeling efforts that show water overtopping onto Palmer Hill Road. The FECB asked him to provide photos of overtopping incidents to support his documentation and requests.

The next FECB meeting will be held on September 14, 2017 at 3:00PM.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.