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 in the Town Hall. The meeting minutes from the previous Board meeting on May 14, 2020 were approved.

**Byram River Study Update**

- The Chief’s report was signed on May 7, 2020.
- DPW has the following items on their to do list in the coming months:
  - Write letter to congressional delegation requesting financial support for the project.
  - Continue coordination with NYSDOT about the project and cost sharing agreements.
  - Reaching out to congressional leaders (Himes) was suggested

**Capital Projects Update**

Budget requests are due in the coming weeks/months and the initial feedback we have heard is to keep it very maintenance based.

Project updates were provided for:

- **Strickland Brook Alternative Analysis**: DPW & CDMSmith continue to look at additional alternatives to address this project. Additional survey was completed recently and now alternatives are being reviewed.

- Looking to possibly hold public meetings beginning in Spring of 2021
• **Sound Beach Avenue Bridge**: Proceeding to rebuild the bridge. Construction funding requested in FY20/21. Raising the Bridge only- other flooding issue will not be addressed. On September 9, 2020 the area was designated a scenic road which will require all modifications to the area to go to Planning and Zoning.

• **Glenville Road Bridge and Brookside Drive Culvert** – DPW has been working on a traffic design improvement concerning the intersections of Glenville Road with Valley Road and Brookside Drive. These two projects, which are adjacent to those intersections and listed in the top 10 emergency projects, are currently being re-analyzed by CDM Smith. Updated recommendations for these two projects are expected Fall 2020. DPW is looking at addressing some drainage issues at the aforementioned intersections; although dependent upon Budget

• **EGCC Replacement (BC&M)/Harding Road Drainage Improvements**- Capital funding was requested for this project, but it was deferred to a future year. Design will continue utilizing in-house staff to ensure that it does not delay the construction of the civic center. DPW worked with CTDOT/MNR to clear and regrade the ditch and swale between the Civic Center and the RR tracks during the spring/summer 2020. This project is still being explored as time allows.

• **State DOT Bridge (Route 1 over Brothers Brook)** – This is a CTDOT project that is in design. Town has received 60% drawings and provided comments in late spring 2020. The information that has been provided to the Town staff indicates they are still looking at starting construction sometime in 2021-2022. There is a meeting next week with DOT and impacted property owners that are impacted by the drainage modifications. A public information meeting will be happening in coming months.

**New Business**

There was no new business to discuss

**Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss

- The next FECB meeting will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 3:00 PM.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.