Those attending: Edward Schmeltz, Aubrey Mead, John Stankunas, Peter Finkbeiner, Allison Walsh (alt.) Ashley Cole & Elizabeth Dempsey (Residents of Hillside Road)
Town staff present: James Michel, Dawn Zimmerman, Pat Sesto, Amy Siebert

The following summarizes the items discussed at the recent Flood & Erosion Control Board (the Board) meeting held at the Town Hall on Thursday, September 19, 2019. 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 16, 2019 were approved.

Byram River Study Update

• The draft final report was sent to the vertical team for review the end of August. The Town also has a copy for review. They estimate the vertical team review will take approximately 2 months to complete and then changes will be completed. They hope to have a final report through the process by First Quarter 2020.

• There are still some significant questions about the cost sharing and the financial obligation of the Town. The Town signed a modified financial capability to fund letter which went through Law and First Selectman’s office.

Capital Projects Update

Project updates were provided for:

• Sound Beach Avenue Drainage System Improvements: The drainage work for this project has been completed. The Town has completed final restoration work which included paving.

• Strickland Brook Alternative Analysis: Survey has taken longer than expected and we are looking for a preliminary design to be completed in the spring with further design throughout the year in 2020.
Budgets

• The FY20/21 budget is in development. It will reflect the projects in the 15 year plan shown on the prior budget. If there are any major changes, we will let you know at the next meeting. DPW staff thanked the FECB for their support on the budget.

New Business

The following new business was discussed:

  o Meet Pat Sesto – Director of Environmental Affairs – Coastal Resiliency Study

    ▪ Pat updated the board on the status of the Coastal Resiliency Study that is ongoing.

  o Allyson wants to do outreach/info session for ways to help reduce flooding, run-off, water quality, etc. She will ask board to review presentation before she goes ahead with it.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

• The next FECB meeting will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 3:00 PM.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.