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

Town staff present: James Michel, Amy Siebert, Dawn Zimmerman, Renee Wallace

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 3:00 PM. The meeting minutes from the previous Board meeting on September 9th were approved.

**Capital Projects Update**

- Strickland Brook alternatives are ongoing. We’ve looked at 15-20 alternatives. Need to figure out how to get the information to the public and figure out which alternative will be best scenario.

- East Putnam Ave/Hillside- This is a DOT project that is ongoing (currently in design phase). DPW is in coordination with DOT throughout this project.

- Budget Season/ ARPA funding

  Much of the funding requested for flooding projects are a result of Ida’s impacts.

  - Pemberwick Park/Byram River
  - West Branch Brothers Brook (aka Echo Lane, Hillside Dr., Francine, Plow Ln, Old Church St.
  - Windsor/Valley
o Dam behind Comly Ave that runs to Caroline Place- levy/channel needs cleanup and maintenance

o Various other locations in future years

**New Business**

- **Flooding expectations/education**

  Very important for residents to know and understand that our infrastructure is not built to handle a storm of Ida’s magnitude.

  a. Do we need to change standards/criteria for storm drain systems? (drainage manual)

  b. Public outreach is so important- educate residents, RTM/BET members, etc.

  c. We can investigate possible ways to help “prevent” these things from happening

    How can we get this information out to people and educate them?

- **Next Year Meeting Dates**

  February 17
  May 5
  September 8
  December 8

**Old Business**

- **Byram River Project**-

  o Letter was sent to Rep. Himes & Senators.

  o Meeting on December 20, 2021 – meeting invite coming

The next FECB meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.