

**FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held a meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 in Parsons Government Complex, Conference Room A. Acting Chairman Zabinski called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Michael Zabinski  
Thomas E. Bach  
Drew Berndlmaier  
Patrick Tokarz  
John Casey

Also Present

Michael Casey, BOA Liaison

II. Election of Chairman

Mr. Zabinski stated he would be interested in continuing to serve as Chairman.

Mr. Bach and Mr. Tokarz made and seconded a motion to nominate Mr. Zabinski as Chairman. Motion carried 4 yes (Bach, Berndlmaier, Tokarz, Casey) 1 abstention (Zabinski).

III. Election of Vice Chairman

Chairman Zabinski stated at the meeting in December, Mr. Bach was elected as Vice Chairman.

Mr. Bach stated he would rather not be considered for Vice Chairman due to numerous other commitments and obligations.

Mr. Tokarz stated he would like to step up and serve as Vice Chairman. There being no other nominations, nominations for Vice Chairman were closed.

Chairman Zabinski thanked Mr. Tokarz and congratulated him as the new Vice Chairman.

IV. Public Participation/Comment – None.

V. Consideration of Minutes of December 3, 2013 meeting

Mr. Bach and Mr. Tokarz made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Zabinski noted a correction in the spelling of his name.

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Correspondence

Chairman Zabinski reported he picked up a packet from the Mayor. He also stated that Mr. Wassmer produced a list of 12 potential projects. Chairman Zabinski stated the Mayor would like to see this Board carry through implementing the projects. Discussion ensued as to interviewing candidates through an RFP/RFQ process.

Chairman Zabinski also reported the City had bonded \$3.5M and that there are additional monies coming from he believed the State. He stated the amount and where the monies are coming from needed to be clarified. Discussion ensued as to the implementation of these projects and the selection of a design firm.

Mr. Berndlmaier spoke of how the City of Norwalk puts out an RFQ.

Chairman Zabinski stated he was not clear as to how this Board would proceed with regard to interviews, clerical, etc.

Mr. Bach suggested someone from this Board speak with Mr. Wassmer when he returns to the office to get some direction as to how this Board is to proceed.

Mr. Casey commented one of the questions may be if they are to hire multiple consultants for each project or one for all the proposed projects. He also asked if it is this Board that would define the scope of work.

Mr. Berndlmaier stated this Board needed to identify the areas of flooding to determine the scope of work. He also stated the Board would need know where the funds are coming from which would then give this Board the direction as to how to proceed. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Zabinski stated the consensus of the Board is to have a discussion with Mr. Wassmer to determine how this Board will move forward. He stated item VII Unfinished Business, Items A and B would be taken up next month.

VIII. New Business

Chairman Zabinski stated he did not have enough information pertaining to items B-D and suggested the Board take up these items next month. He stated this would give the Board time to get more information.

A. Discussion Re: Proposed text change to Planning and Zoning Board regarding substantial damage estimates and Flood and Erosion Control Board.

Chairman Zabinski updated the Board regarding the text changes. He stated at next month's meeting the Board could have Mr. Wassmer provide a further update.

E. Discussion Re: Contact beachfront associations in Milford regarding their sand management efforts/needs.

Chairman Zabinski stated he would like to obtain information from other towns.

Mr. Casey stated there are other towns that may have something in place, but the question is whether or not they are active. He also noted he is aware of projects that are out there. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Zabinski asked the Board members if they could look into what other towns are doing post Sandy. He stated one of the questions to ask would revolve around beach erosion and where they are in the process.

Chairman Casey stated he would look into the Town of Fairfield, Mr. Berndlmaier stated he would look into Norwalk; Mr. Casey would look into DEP, Mr. Tokarz stated he would look into East Haven and Mr. Bach stated he would look into Greenwich.

Mr. Casey shared with the Board an all day workshop coming up in New London that he would be attending. He stated it could be of interest to members of this Board as well. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Zabinski suggested going forward the Board send a request to Mr. Wassmer to obtain information regarding an RFQ as well as information as to obtaining consultants. He also stated the Board would ask Mr. Wassmer and/or the Mayor clarification as to funding and how much money is available for design implementation.

Mr. Bach spoke of communication and stated the Hazardous Mitigation Plan is a valuable tool for the members of this Board and encouraged the members to look closely at the plan. He also stated he believed communications to the public is very important.

The next meeting will be held on March 11, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room A, Parsons Government Complex.

Being no further business, Mr. Bach and Mr. Tokarz made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Recording Secretary