

**FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 9, 2015**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held a meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 in Conference Room A of the Parsons Government Complex. Chairman Zabinski called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Michael Zabinski, Chairman
Thomas E. Bach
Drew Berndlmaier

Also Present

Chris Saley, Public Works Director

Excused: John Casey, Patrick Tokarz (resigned)

II. Public Participation

Connie Pino - 156 Shorefront – spoke of living on or along Long Island Sound and expressed her concerns about the safety of their homes. She continued ready from a prepared statement speaking to various solutions. She also spoke of a pilot program that was passed by the State but nothing was done. She continued reading speaking of the two storms, Irene and Sandy that impacted the Milford shoreline severely. She stated Dr. Tait will be at her home on June 20 and invited the Board to attend if they wished.

III. Correspondence – none.

IV. Consideration of Minutes of April 14, 2015.

Mr. Bach and Mr. Berndlmaier made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Unfinished Business

A) Update: RE – Drainage Projects – Mr. Saley reported the design work has begun on Milford Point Road.

Mr. Bach asked about the wall at Point Beach Drive, which he stated needs to be re-built.

Mr. Saley stated it was his understanding the Point Beach Drive Association hired RACE to do some work in that area. He stated the DPW is replacing catch basins in the roads and then milling and paving.

Chairman Zabinsky asked about the visibility study for Wildemere Beach.

Mr. Saley stated Laurel Beach could be the test study. He suggested a jetty in the Wildemere Beach area. He also stated he was looking to go to the low tide mark like they did in Laurel Beach. He also spoke about the pilings, but unfortunately they have been unable to pull them out. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Zabinski asked about the large pipes.

Mr. Saley stated it was the hope it would be done in-house, but they have to follow DEEP regulations which has slowed them a bit. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Zabinski asked what the result of the visibility study would include and how it would affect the homeowner.

Mr. Saley explained the important part of the component is to keep the sand on the beach. Discussion resumed. He also stated part of the \$700,000 would include outreach to the public, such as public forums for the residents.

Chairman Zabinski asked Mr. Saley if he had any other updates.

Mr. Saley stated there are several projects in the cue, which are currently in review.

Mr. Bach asked where they are with the \$700,000 project.

Mr. Saley reported Milone and McBroom was awarded that project. He also stated he is working with the towns of Branford and Guilford regarding the \$150,000. He stated he is looking into the feasibility component and investing the monies that way. He stated they are also looking to increase their standards. Mr. Saley also spoke about the issue regarding the wall in Morningside and spoke of his meeting with Mr. Gaucher, City Attorney Jonathan Berchem and Assistant Attorney Debra Kelly.

B) Update: RE: Coastal Resilience - Mr. Saley explained the study included 10 shoreline towns, including Milford. He continued with an explanation of the \$700,000 and what the grant included. He noted Wildemere Beach is a private beach that unfortunately will not receive State or Federal monies. He explained in order for a beach to receive funds it must be owned by the city.

Mr. Bach asked if 100% of the homeowners along a private beach would have to agree or if that was a question for the city attorney.

Mr. Saley suggested the Board asked the city attorney for an explanation of the legalities. A brief discussion ensued.

C) Update: Board Bylaws – Mr. Bach commented the Board should now turn the proposed Bylaws over to the law department for review and wait for Attorney Berchem's review.

V. New Business – none.

Being no further business, Mr. Bach and Mr. Berndlmaier made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary