

**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held a meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 in Conference Room A of the Parsons Government Complex. Chairman Zabinski called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

**Board Members Present**

Michael Zabinski, Chairman  
Thomas E. Bach  
Drew Berndlmaier  
John Casey  
J. Andrew Bevilacqua

**Also Present**

Chris Saley, Public Works Director  
Anita Riggi  
Nick Riggi  
Jennifer Dancy

**II. Public Participation**

None.

**III. Correspondence/Chairman's Report**

Chairman Zabinski commented as to future plans for pending projects in the event monies are not realized. He also spoke briefly regarding the letter received from Fairfield.

Mr. Bevilacqua spoke concerning the recommendations in Fairfield's plan. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Zabinski asked the Board if it was their desire to have him respond to Fairfield.

Mr. Berndlmaier suggested advising Mr. Grauer, Chairman of Fairfield's Flood & Erosion Board of the issues affecting Milford and that the Committee is looking at Fairfield's outline.

**IV. Consideration of Minutes**

Mr. Bach and Mr. Berndlmaier made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting.

It was noted for the record that Mr. Bevilacqua was in attendance at the September 8, 2015 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously with the correction noted above.

## **VI. Unfinished Business:**

A) Update RE: Drainage Projects - Mr. Saley reported they now have conceptual plans from Milone & McBroom regarding Milford Point Road. He also reported he meet with DEEP (John Gaucher) and together they drove through Milford. Mr. Saley reported it was not likely there would be a tide gate in the Calf Pen area. Also, he stated they looked at Beachland Avenue, Point Beach area, Milford Point Road area, Wildemere Beach, and Naugatuck Avenue areas. Mr. Saley stated he would be before the aldermen tomorrow evening for funding approval. He also reported Milford has applied for 5 housing grants. One is Pelham Street which had received damage from both storms; Irene and Sandy. He also commented regarding Walnut Beach and a study with a design component to get those projects done. Mr. Saley also commented regarding the Merwin Avenue and the attempt to capture the storm water in that area. Otherwise, he reported projects continue on Point Beach Drive. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Saley also reported the goal is to repair all the out fall pumps.

Mr. Berndlmaier spoke of the importance of maintenance. Discussion resumed.

B) Update RE: Coastal Resiliency – Mr. Saley stated he attended a recent meeting also attended by Mr. Casey.

Mr. Casey commented they are basically waiting for the plans.

Mr. Bevilaqua stated he hoped the plan would focus on flood control.

Mr. Saley stated he did meet with the Inland Wetland Compliance Officer, Steve Johnson and DEEP regarding the project for the three towns, Milford, Branford and Madison. He stated there will be public input down the road. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Zabinski commented he was trying to understand the idea and how it would evolve based on the study. Discussion resumed.

Chairman Zabinski asked when it was estimated the report would come out regarding the study.

Mr. Saley deferred to Mr. Casey.

Mr. Casey stated based on that meeting, it was likely to be February at the earliest

Chairman Zabinski reported he was still waiting on the City Attorney's Office. He stated he would contact the city attorney directly.

Mr. Bach asked about work on a Milford Point Beach property.

Mr. Saley explained the history and stated the property owner had gone through the proper channels to obtain permitting.

Chairman Zabinski spoke of two recent articles in the CT Post newspaper. He stated there are two upcoming public hearings, one in New York and one here in CT. He also asked about the city engineer position.

Mr. Saley stated they received 4-5 applications for the position, adding the deadline closed Friday.

C) Bylaws - Chairman Zabinski reported he was still waiting on the City Attorney's Office. He stated he would contact the city attorney directly.

## **VII. New Business**

None.

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

The Board adjourned at 7:52p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy  
Recording Secretary