**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 12, 2022**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, via Zoom teleconference. Chairman Zabinski called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

Board Members Present Also Present

Michael Zabinski, Chairman S. Johnson, Asst. Public Works Director

Andy Bevilacqua Ald. J. Moffitt

John Casey

Thom Bach

Ray Manzouri

**II. Public Participation**

D. DeLuke – 27 Point Beach Drive – stated he received a letter from the Point Beach Drive Association concerning the proposed work and that all approvals were in place and that the Association was working with the City of Milford to coordinate projects. He also spoke about the drainage issues with Elaine Road and Virginia Street.

**III. Correspondence**

None.

**IV. Consideration of Minutes of the February 8, 2022, meeting.**

Minutes of the February 8, 2022 and March 8, 2022 passed to the April 12, 2022 meeting.

**V**. **Unfinished Business.**

A) Update: Drainage Projects and CDBG Projects:

Asst.Public Works Director Steve Johnson provided updates of the following projects:

1. Bayview Beach – no change from the February report. He stated they are looking to complete the remaining pump projects.

2. Point Beach – Asst. Director Johnson reported he had a brief discussion with Jay Pinto, President of the Point Beach Association. He noted Director Saley has had discussions with Mr. Pinto and the contract of the project at Atwater and Elaine Streets. Asst. Director Johnson stated he no other details to share at this point. He reported permits have been applied for: outfall – Richard Street and outfall – Morehouse Avenue.

3. Calf Pen/Beachland – Asst. Director Johnson stated only the plantings remain with this project.

4. Milford Point Road – Asst. Director Johnson reported the bid came in at $1.6M, nearly $2M less than expected. He spoke about the designs for the road elevation, pedestrian walkway. He also reported an application was submitted to the Department of Housing. Asst. Director Johnson stated the timeline on this project is December 2022 and that they were still waiting to hear about funding.

5. Morningside Revetment – Asst. Director Johnson reported this project has consumed a lot of time. He stated the project has begun and that B & W Construction are doing a very good job executing the plans and mobilizing. He continued with an explanation of the prep work along the beach walk that includes the abandoned sanitary sewer. Asst. Director Johnson also reported they are working with the neighbors keeping them appraised of the progress of the work. He also spoke about the funding.

6. Gulf Street/Welches Point Road/Bluff Area – No update.

7. Wildemere/Walnut Beach – Asst. Director Johnson reported he spoke with Director Saley concerning this project. He reported they received a proposal from GEI and SRO to respond to DEEP and Army Corp. to address their concerns. A brief discussion ensued.

8. Crescent Beach – Asst. Director Johnson reported there were discussions about this project at a recent Board of Aldermen meeting. He stated they do have the permit from DEEP and would report more next month.

B) Update: Program for Public Information (PPI) – No report.

C) Update: Resiliency Plan – No report.

D) Update: FECB Meetings – Chairman Zabinski and the Board agreed to continue with Zoom meetings.

E) Update: Construction on Wildemere Beach by a private citizen – no information available.

**VI. New Business**

Mr. Casey and Mr. Bevilacqua made and seconded a motion to add the following new business to the agenda:

A) Red Bush Lane at the Boston Post Road

B) Rowe Avenue/Metro North

C) Whole Foods

Motion carried unanimously.

Asst. Director Johnson stated two of the above areas concern drainage issues. He explained at Red Bush Lane the repeated flooding is caused by the Department of Transportation’s drainage structure that was never completed. Asst. Director Johnson stated that Director Saley met with the Department of Transportation and went on to explain the drainage issues are due to a headwall and pipes that clog and the flooding occurs. He continued with an explanation of the issues at that location. At the Whole Foods location, Asst. Director Johnson explained that area is another drainage issue through Woodruff Road at Tumblebrook Road. He explained there is a 4” RCP pipe that clogs due to leaves, etc. He also pointed out there is a stormwater drainage area across the Boston Post Road (Route 1). He stated the drainage pipes are undersized. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Asst. Director Johnson stated Inland Wetlands spoke with the plaza owners who had installed a trash rack that cause some of the drainage issues. He noted protecting culverts is most important to alleviate these drainage/flooding issues.

Rowe Avenue – Asst. Director Johnson explained there is a drainage issue at the end of Rowe Avenue at the North side of the Metro North. He stated since Storm Ida the area has become more and more problematic.

Chairman Zabinski asked about finances for the three new projects.

Asst. Director Johnson explained the Red Bush Lane/Boston Post Road issue falls outside the scope of the municipality; the Whole Foods issue is a matter with Connecticut DOT and private owners; and Rowe Avenue is a Metro North issue, but he did not have any further particulars.

Asst. Director Johnson reported on the work being done at the rear of City Hall, explaining a wingwall had washed out, as well as some other drainage and public safety issues that were being worked on.

Chairman Zabinski asked about the upcoming Harbor Dredging work and whether the sand could be moved to Wildemere Beach.

Asst. Director Johnson stated he appreciated the suggestion from the Wildemere Beach neighbor and did investigate, however the sand being removed from the dredging project is not suitable for beach areas. He stated it would be appropriately disposed of.

Chairman Zabinski suggested the Board look into some dates in June for a trip to the Stratford reefs.

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

Chairman Zabinski adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy Recording Secretary