**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**OCTOBER 12, 2021**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 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. PW Director

Andy Bevilacqua

John Casey

Thom Bach

Excused: Ray Manzouri

**II. Public Participation**

Carol Klingele – 160 Broadway – stated she has been attending these Board meetings for many, many, many months. She questioned item V-A of the Agenda and asked if the projects shown month after month are prioritized, and if not, she asked if they could be prioritized to reflect those projects that have plans and funds in place to proceed.

David DeLuke -27 Point Beach Drive – stated he too has been attending for some time now. He stated he was asking once again when the city would begin the Point Beach project. He stated once again residents of the Point Beach Drive area were impacted by a recent rainstorm and unable to leave their homes via a vehicle. He also pointed out the Point Beach Improvement Association will begin work shortly on their own seawall and that he did not want to see that work impacted when the city finally starts its work.

V. Update: Program for Public Information (PPI)

Chairman Zabinski thanked Mr. Griffith for being present tonight to present an update for the PPI program.

Mr. Griffith stated he is the DPLU Director, as well as the City’s Flood Plain Administrator. He reported he attends the Hazardous Mitigation Committee monthly meetings. He shared his screen with an update of outreach/PPI. He continued with a brief presentation. Director Griffith also stated there are various sites on the city website that assist members of the public as to what is going on with throughout the city. Director Griffith also reported the plan would be going to the Planning and Zoning Board shortly for approval. He also spoke about the Community Rating System (CRS).

Chairman Zabinski asked for an update regarding homes impacted by storms Sandy and Irene.

Director Griffith explained how the values are calculated, essentially that it is 50% of the construction value of the home. He also noted they track all phone calls regarding properties and compliance.

Chairman Zabinski asked about a recently erected fence on Broadway and questioned if the homeowner had taken out the proper permits.

Director Griffith explained the building permit process. He also pointed out Planning and Zoning regulates fences and walls over three (3’) feet. He also explained the involvement and criteria of DEEP.

Mr. Bach asked about disclosure by real estate agents and if this is something that is required for a buyer, especially newcomers to Milford, and any waterfront town.

Director Griffith stated there are some states that have a requires disclosure, however Connecticut is not one of those states. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Johnson stated he is working with Director Griffith and that next month he should have the updated Hazardous Mitigation Plan for this Board to review

**III. Correspondence**

None.

**IV. Consideration of Minutes of the September 14, 2021, meeting.**

Mr. Bach and Mr. Casey made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021, meeting with the following corrections:

Mr. Casey stated under item V.-8 it should be pointed out Army Corp. is not doing the improvement project. He stated the project is being done under a general permit.

Also, on p. 4, under New Business, 3rd paragraph, 3) should read ***Colin*** Clark, not Howard Clark.

Motion carried unanimously as corrected.

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

A) Update: Drainage Projects and CDBG Projects:

Assistant Public Works Director Steve Johnson provided summaries of the following projects:

1. Bayview Beach – Assistant Director Johnson reported the project is 90% complete. He stated the financial documents are in the final review process. He also reported the addition of pump connections was helpful during the rain event this past Sunday, however portions of Field Court were flooded. He stated the financial aid and reimbursement requests were submitted to Connecticut Housing.

2. Point Beach – Assistant Director Johnson stated there are no updates. He stated Director Saley was in contact with Jay Pinto, President of the Point Beach Association. Assistant Director Johnson stated it is his understanding the Point Beach Association project is expected to start somewhere around March 1, 2022.

3. Calf Pen/Beachland – Assistant Director Johnson reported the second round of treatment of phragmites was completed. He also noted the project continues to perform well. Assistant Director Johnson spoke of the importance of keeping the values clean.

Mr. Bach asked if the valves are easy to put in and take out, specifically at the flap.

Assistant Director Johnson explained the two types of valves used. A brief discussion ensued.

4. Milford Point Road – Assistant Director Johnson reported this project is a work in process.

5. Morningside Revetment – Assistant Director Johnson reported the goal by the end of the month is to have a specific direction on how to proceed with the projects. He stated he would be following up with housing.

6. Gulf Street/Welches Point Road/Bluff Area – Assistant Director Johnson reported they are awaiting funding on this project.

7. Wildemere/Walnut Beach – Assistant Director Johnson reported he had a conversation with the director of Planning and & Water Resources at DEEP and that they clarified key points. He stated the intent is to construct a dune with a core fiber and that he is awaiting confirmation from Brian after he speaks with Army Corp.

8. Crescent Beach – Assistant Director Johnson reported Army Corp. would be providing the general permit.

9. Pelham Street – Assistant Director Johnson stated this project could be removed the list at this time, however, it could come back at some point.

10. Gulf Beach Breakwater/Groin – Assistant Director Johnson stated he would contact Race, but this project could be removed as well.

In summary, Assistant Director Johnson reported the city engineering department submitted drawings to DEEP but have not had a response yet. He stated he had a positive conversation with Mayor Blake regarding Storm Sandy and funding. Assistant Director Johnson also stated the goal for 2022 is to complete the Morningside Revetment project. He stated he did not follow up with the Town of Madison but would reach out to the mayor’s Chief of Staff, Justin Rosen. He stated some of the key action items would be to finish reconciliation with the Finance Department and reach out to the Department of Housing. He also stated he would speak with Director Saley regarding the Point Beach Improvement project. Assistant Director Johnson stated he is balancing a multitude of projects. A brief discussion ensued.

B) Update: Resiliency Plan – Assistant Director Johnson stated he had no updates.

C) Update: 232 Broadway – construction – no report.

**VI. New Business**

None.

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

The meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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