**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**JUNE 14, 2022**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 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 J. Moffit

John Casey

Excused: Thom Bach, Ray Manzouri

**II. Public Participation**

D. DeLuke – 27 Point Beach Drive – spoke about the importance of timing and coordination when the work finally commences. He also asked if there are any items that are preventing the work from starting, adding it was his understanding the work should have started by now.

R. Creamer – 22 Richard Street – spoke about the work on Point Beach Drive and how that work will impact Richard Street especially in front of the drains that constantly flood. She asked if the storm drains have been cleaned of silt, dirt, etc.

C. Quinlan – 40 Morehouse – commented the area floods when there is a flash flooding and asked what is being done.

B. Quinlan – 31 Richard Street – stated at a recent Association meeting where they discussed flooding drains at Point Beach, Elaine Road and Morehouse and were told those would be done. She questioned the status and whether there was funding available for the projects.

B. Cohen – 13 Platt Street – stated the flooding at the end of Morehouse now comes up onto Platt Street. He stated the drain at the end of Morehouse just does not function.

N. Ondredo (sp) – 43 Morehouse – stated he has lived in the area less than a year and his property has flooded at lease 6 times.

C. Angotto – 43 Morehouse – stated it is a matter of life safety. She stated during flooding events they cannot get out of their house.

E. Stocker – 21 Richard Street – echoed the comments of all her neighbors, adding it is just getting worse. She stated the drain in front of her house is just not functioning and that it has not been cleaned in 25 years. Ms. Stocker also stated they have been repeatedly told improvements were coming, but nothing has been done.

M. Brower – 38 Elaine Road – commented on the constant flooding issues.

J. Gray – 30 Morehouse Avenue – state the drains just don’t function properly, even during a light rain.

H. Riccobono – 35 Richard Street – stated she is new to the community, but completely agreed with her neighbors

D. Vaughn – 24 Morehouse Avenue – expressed frustration with what is supposed to be happening and yet nothing is happening. She implored this Board to develop a plan to alleviate the flooding issues.

J. Rotundo – 11 Platt Street – agreed with the previous speakers, adding they have all been told something is in the works, but nothing moves forward.

**III. Correspondence**

None.

**IV. Consideration of Minutes March and April 2022, meetings.**

Mr. Bevilacqua and Mr. Casey made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bevilacqua and Mr. Casey made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bevilacqua and Mr. Casey made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

A) Update: Drainage Projects and CDBG Projects:

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

1. Point Beach – Asst. Director Johnson reported the City is working with the contractor who was awarded the project to do the improvements at Elaine Street. He stated he did not have a specific timeline. Mr. Johnson also reported he has been working with DEEP for over a year on permitting to improve Richard Street and the outfalls on Moorehouse Avenue. He continued with an explanation of how the back flow valves work, the capacity of the pipes and catch basins. As to funding within the city side of the project that includes drainage catch basin, outfalls, basins and groin project. He stated the areas have been surveyed.

 2. Milford Point Road – Asst. Director Johnson reported they are looking for additional funding. He also reported a portion of the project has been awarded to the contractor.

 3. Morningside Revetment – Asst. Director Johnson reported the project is progressing along. He stated it is expected to be completed in July. Asst. Director Johnson also noted they are still identifying add alternate items.

 4. Gulf Street/Welches Point Road/Bluff Area – Assistant Director Johnson stated they are looking to identify funding sources.

 5. Wildemere/Walnut Beach – Asst. Director Johnson stated he did not have his notes with him, but that they are still working on this project.

 6. Crescent Beach – Asst. Director Johnson stated there was nothing new to report at this time.

Mr. Bevilacqua commented the sand still washes up to the residents’ front yards.

 7. Red Bush Lane – Asst. Director Johnson stated they are waiting on CT Department of Transportation. No further report.

 8. Rowe Avenue – Asst. Director Johnson reiterated this is a DOT/Metro North drainage issue.

 9. Whole Foods Complex – Asst. Director Johnson reported he has no new update.

 B) Update: Program for Public Information (PPI) – Assistant Director Johnson stated he had nothing to update at this point.

C) Update: Resiliency Plan – Assistant Director Johnson stated he had not specific report but noted the Regional Haz Mitigation Committee has been meeting. He also pointed out a portion of the charge is to reach out to the public. A brief discussion ensued.

**VI. New Business**

May be added with a 2/3 vote.

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

Chairman Zabinski adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Kathleen A. Kennedy Recording Secretary