**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, via Zoom teleconference. Chairman Zabinski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

Board Members Present Also Present

Michael Zabinski, Chairman S. Johnson, Asst. PW Director

Andy Bevilacqua G. Pidluski, City Engineer (7:20 p.m.)

John Casey

Thom Bach

Ray Manzouri

**II. Public Participation**

Carol Klingele – 160 Broadway – extended thanks to Steve Johnson and the Public Works crews for their help during the heavy rainstorm on September 1st. He noted the areas of Bittersweet Avenue and Smith Avenue where particularly hard hit.

Cheryl Quinlan – 40 Morehouse Avenue (on the phone with Thomas Lockwood) – expressed her concerns regarding the continued flooding on Morehouse Avenue and asked when the flooding issues would be addressed.

Patricia Nugent – 141 Morningside Drive – asked where the plans for the Morningside Road Reventment are at this point. She expressed concerns with the lack of progress on the project.

**III. Correspondence**

None.

**IV. Consideration of Minutes of the May 11, 2021, and August 10, 2021, meetings.**

Mr. Bach and Mr. Casey made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bach and Mr. Casey made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Zabinski asked about the June meeting minutes.

Assistant Director Johnson stated he would send his notes to the secretary to compile the minutes.

**V**. **Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Zabinski stated he would entertain a motion to add four (4) additional items under V. Unfinished Business to the agenda as follows:

 D. West Haven Sand Replenishment Project – Greg Pidluski, City Engineer.

 E. Madison $770K State Grant to Preserve Seawall.

 F. Construction on Wildemere Beach.

 G. Timely posting of the Board’s agendas and minutes on City website.

Mr. Bach and Mr. Manzouri made and seconded a motion to add items V. D-G to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Zabinski stated they would continue with the agenda items until Mr. Pidulski was present on the call.

**VI. 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 stated there are no updates. He stated the recently completed project continues to hold up well. He stated there was some flooding on Deerfield Avenue due to silk sac that clogged the drain.

Mr. Bach asked where they stood with funds on this project.

Assistant Director Johnson explained the project is 85-95% complete with some minor items left to complete. A brief discussion ensued.

 2. Point Beach – Assistant Director Johnson reported the permitting request for the outfalls was submitted, with public notice to the engineering firm. He stated construction of the sea walls is expected around March 1st. He also spoke of Elaine Road and possibly Atwater Street.

 3. Calf Pen/Beachland – Assistant Director Johnson reported the second round of phragmites has been completed with a final round to be completed in the spring.

 4. Milford Point Road – Assistant Director Johnson reported the design consultants funding has been extended until December 2022. He stated the bid submission is almost ready to be submitted in the next month.

Mr. Pidluski joined the call at 7:20 p.m. Chairman Zabinski stated the Board would now bring forward items V. D and E.

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D) West Haven Sand Replenishment Project – Guest Greg Pidluski, Milford City Engineer.

Chairman Zabinski stated the Board would now take up items V. D and E. He stated he sent to the members of the Board articles pertaining to the City of West Haven (New Haven Register, August 17, 2021) and Town of Madison (New Haven Register, August 30, 2021). Chairman Zabinski asked Mr. Pidluski to comment on the article concerning the City of West Haven.

Mr. Pidlucki, City Engineer, City of Milford stated he worked on the December 2015 Beach, West Haven design. He explained the process with DEEP in moving the project design forward. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Zabinski commented the Walnut/Wildemere Beaches are an area that would be considered for beach renourishment plans.

Assistant Director Johnson stated it is dependent on what is allowed by DEEP. Discussion resumed.

 E) Madison $770K State Grant to Preserve Seawall – Chairman Zabinski stated he put this item on the agenda because he wished to discuss this along with possible grants for the City of Milford. A brief discussion ensued.

 5. Morningside Revetment – Assistant Director Johnson reported two contractors submitted bids for the project. He reported the bids ranges from $1.7M to $2.7M. Assistant Director Johnson reported he has been in touch with the Connecticut Department of Housing and arranged a telephone call to discuss additional funding to put towards this project. He stated another element is the easements for access and maintenance. Assistant Director Johnson stated they would have to go through the city departments for approval.

 6. Gulf Street/Welches Point Road/Bluff Area – Assistant Director Johnson reported they are still waiting for funding resources. He noted the permitting is in place, then they would move with the construction design.

 7. Wildemere/Walnut Beach – Assistant Director Johnson stated following Storm Ida he sent a letter in accordance with the inefficiencies. He stated he has not received a response from DEEP. He stated he did speak with Paula Colberg from Army Corp and explained the challenge is the approach to the Housing Commission. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Zabinski stated this Board needed a decision/approval of the physical design of the dune. Discussion ensued.

 8. Crescent Beach – Assistant Director Johnson reported Army Corp has indicated they would be doing improvements under a general permit

 9. Pelham Street – no update.

 10. Gulf Beach Breakwater/Groin – Assistant Director Johnson stated this project has been defunded and the monies transferred by DEEP to another project.

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

C) Update: Program for Public Information (PPI) – Assistant Director Johnson stated he would speak with Mr. Griffith, DPLU Director for updates.

D) Meeting with Agencies RE: Wildemere/Walnut Beach

F) Update: 232 Broadway – Assistant Director Johnson stated he had no update to report. He stated the last information he had was that DEEP was going to come down to the property.

**VI. New Business**

None.

Chairman Zabinski asked Mr. Johnson to summarize for the Committee his charges for the next meeting.

Assistant Director Johnson stated he would 1) get more information regarding Moorehouse Avenue; 2) confirm a meeting with Mayor Blake and the Housing Authority; 3) give Howard Clark call concerning the design; 4) speak with Justin Rosen, Mayor’s Chief of Staff regarding grants such as the one received by the Town of Madison; 5) provide the Committee with the status of permits for 232 Broadway; 6) speak with DPLU Director Joe Griffith regarding updates for PPI; and 7) check city website.

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

The meeting at 8:20 p.m.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Kathleen A. Kennedy Recording Secretary