

**FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 11, 2014**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held a meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 in Parsons Government Complex, Conference Room A. Chairman Zabinski called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Michael Zabinski
John Casey
Drew Berndlmaier

Also Present

Ald. Michael Casey, BOA Liaison
Gary Wassmer, City Engineer

Excused: Patrick Tokarz, Thomas Bach

II. Public Participation – none.

III. Consideration of Minutes – February 11, 2014.

Mr. Casey and Mr. Berndlmaier made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Correspondence – None.

V. Unfinished Business:

A) Drainage Projects – City Engineer Gary Wassmer provided the members with notes regarding each of the 12 City Storm Projects, the status, priorities, etc. He continued with an explanation of the handout.

Mr. Casey asked if the Army Corp of Engineers was involved with the Bayview project.

Mr. Wassmer replied yes. He went on to provide the Board with the background of the Woodmont Beach project as well as the history behind that beach's restoration project and the beach work in that area. He also spoke of the catch basin work in the Bayview area. Mr. Wassmer then returned to the handout for further explanation.

B) Renourishment Programs – Mr. Wassmer referred the Board to his handout, specifically the email string with Michael Riccio, NAE. Mr. Wassmer stated he would continue to follow up on this. He also pointed out the available money would need to be used within 3 years. Mr. Wassmer also stated he would tend to be in favor of beach stabilization v. beach nourishment. A brief discussion ensued.

C) Update - Proposed Text change to Planning and zoning Board regarding substantial damage estimates and Flood and Erosion Control Board. – Mr. Wassmer referred the Board to the handout.

D) Update – Beachfront associations in Milford regarding sand management efforts/needs. Mr. Wassmer referred the Board to his handout. A brief discussion ensued.

E) Update – Report regarding adjacent towns regarding their erosion and sand management efforts. Chairman Zabinski stated he contacted the towns of East Haven and Fairfield. He stated all the information he obtained was placed in the drop box. He noted Fairfield does have ongoing meetings, but East Haven does not have much going on.

Mr. Berndlmaier reported as far as he could tell, there is no board or committee in Norwalk, but they may have a Harbor Commission.

Chairman Zabinski suggested checking the town's website.

Mr. Casey reported Greenwich seems to meet quite often. He also reported on his findings of Stratford which included a report dating back to 1979. He stated he also looked into DEP and found information from 2008, which he stated may or may not be pertinent at this point.

Mr. Wassmer stated he spoke with John Gaucher at DEEP he might be able to come to a meeting, but the concern at this point would be logistics being this Board meets at night. A brief discussion ensued.

VI. New Business:

A) Update: Re: U.S. Army Corps Comprehensive Evaluation of Project Datums letters. Mr. Wassmer reported they would be going out to set up their GPS to establish the new data.

B) Update: Re: Mitigation grant search. Mr. Wassmer stated this is part of the community block grant, but they should continue to search.

Mr. Casey stated at one time there was a FEMA Mitigation Grant, but it was not something that was available every year.

C) Update: Re: Storm substantial damage recordkeeping period. Mr. Wassmer stated he had no report at this time.

Chairman Zabinski asked how the Board would proceed.

Mr. Wassmer stated he would put together the RFQ. He also suggested a sub-committee of this Board to begin work for the selection of the engineering firm(s) for the different projects. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Zabinski stated he would suggest prioritizing the projects at this point.

Mr. Casey stated items A, 2 and 4 on the handout are basically the same. Discussion resumed.

Mr. Wassmer stated he would contact the City Attorney and Purchasing Agent regarding the RFQ and selection process.

The next meeting will be held on April 8, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room A, Parsons Government Complex.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary