

**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, in Conference Room C of the Parsons Government Complex. Vice Chairman Bach called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

Board Members Present

Michael Zabinski, Chairman  
Meghan Sloan  
John Casey

Also Present

Chris Saley, PW Director  
Joe Griffith, DPLU Director  
Ald. Connie Gaynor

Excused: Andrew Bevilacqua, Thom Bach

**II. Public Participation**

David DeLuke - 27 Point Beach Drive – stated he is here again this month to ask the Board to move the Point Beach project along. He stated the drainage in front of his house as well as others continues to be a big problem and impacts their personal life. Mr. DeLuke stated during a recent flooding incident his family had to park four (4) cars throughout the city and hire someone to pick them up because of the predicted flooding on the street. He stated this is not the first time it has happened since moving there. He also pointed out he was aware of the possibility of flooding in this area, but that it would be the water side of their property, not the front of their home (street side).

Edward McGann - 25 Point Beach Drive – stated he lived there since 1958. He stated the drain that continues to malfunction is located directly across from his property. He stated he cannot even do any plantings in this area because of the drainage and constant flooding. Mr. McGann stated the residents on Point Beach Drive have all been patient, but are trying to understand why it has taken this long to correct the problem. He stated his house was destroyed in both Irene and Sandy and that he has elevated his house since, but yet he can't protect his home from the constant flooding from the street. He stated because Point Beach Drive always floods; you don't even need the alarms in that area. He implored the Board to please help out the residents.

Vidruds Ozolins - 26 Point Beach Drive – stated he is a professor of applied physics at Yale. He stated there are many days he simply cannot get his car out of the driveway and he has to rely on Uber to get to and from work. He asked that something get down as soon as possible as his daily life is impacted due to the flooding in the street.

Director Saley stated Mr. Johnson was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to illness. Director Saley commented there is not a simple fix for this area. He provided a brief background of the pipes in that area and the outfall.

### **III. Correspondence**

None.

### **IV. Consideration of Minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting.**

Chairman Zabinski stated the Board would pass this item to the December meeting.

Mr. Casey and Ms. Sloan made and seconded a motion to re-order the agenda and bring forward item V. B. – Resiliency Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **B) Update: Resiliency Plan**

Chairman Zabinski introduced DPLU Director Joseph Griffith.

Director Griffith explained there are 12 towns enrolled in the program. He provided the Board with an update of the CRS program. He stated Milford's score was a 9, but it is currently at an 8 because of the number of properties that still require work due to storms Irene and Sandy. Director Griffith stated they are working diligently to lower Milford's score and provide the necessary documents that would lower Milford's score. He explained these are properties from storms Sandy and Irene that are scheduled for improvement, but are not as yet. He went on to explain their work over the past three (3) years with FEMA, pointing out it has been a long process because they had several key people who assisted Milford leave FEMA. He stated there are approximately 20 homes that will be re-evaluated going forward. He explained the process is tedious, but

they continue working. The other 18 or so properties will likely get some type of a violation notice. Director Griffith also explained the role of the County of Realtors Association (New Haven and Middlesex counties). He stated on a positive note they are in the process of purchasing and implementing a new software data base. This will help with access with data for various properties, areas, etc. He also spoke of his work with the Planning and Zoning Board and the City's Plan of Conservation and Development. Discussion ensued.

## **V. Unfinished Business**

### **A) Update: Drainage Projects and CDBG Projects:**

Bayview Beach – Director Saley reported this project had gone out to bid, but fell apart. He stated it would be going out for rebid

Point Beach – Director Saley explained the goal is to put a pump station down there but there are a number of constraints, such as the challenges with the tide levels. He also stated they are working with pipe lining companies to work with restricting some of the water coming in. Director Saley also reported the pipe at Elaine Road is damaged, and a squash pipe collapsed last year. He added it is a tight area with underground utilities there. Director Saley also stated they are addressing the issue with the catch basin clogging. He stated they need assistance from the residents as well, as well as the Public Works Department to keep the catch basins free of debris. He stated a pump station that can mechanically pump that water would be ideal.

Calf Pen/Beachland Avenue – Director Saley reported this project is almost closed out.

Milford Point Road – Director Saley reported this project would go out to bid shortly.

Morningside Revetment – Director Saley reported they are waiting for the approvals for this project.

Gulf Beach – Director Saley reported they received approval for an extension to 2021.

Welches Point Road – no report.

Wildemere/Walnut Beach – no report.

Crescent Beach – no report.

Pelham Street – no report.

Gulf Beach Breakwater – Director Saley a good amount of monies were spent to stabilize the beach, unfortunately none of those were approved.

C) Update: Program for Public Information (PPI) – no report.

## **VII. New Business**

None.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy  
Recording Secretary