

**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, in Conference Room C of the Parsons Government Complex. Chairman Zabinski called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Michael Zabinski, Chairman
Thom Bach, Vice Chairman
John Casey

Also Present

S. Johnson, Interim Asst. PW Director

Excused: Andrew Bevilacqua, Meghan Sloan

II. Public Participation

None.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Mr. Bach and Mr. Casey made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Zabinski stated he had no report.

V. Unfinished Business

A) Update: Drainage Projects and CDBG Projects - Mr. Johnson provided the Board with the project updates as follows:

Bayview Beach – Mr. Johnson reported he was still in the process of clarifying an issue with the berm. He reported a recent unnamed storm caused quite a disturbance, clogging the catch basins with sand, etc. He stated he is still speaking with DEEP regarding final details. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Zabinski commented on the amount of sand in the area of Broadway after a recent storm. He stated the Public Works Department did a remarkable job and wanted that stated for the record. Discussion ensued as to how to keep the drains clean during these types of events, as well as discussion with the possible use of a “silk sock.” He stated the outfall at the end of Deerfield Avenue Beach (groin) has been taken down where it is nearly level.

Mr. Casey asked if it made any sense to do a pipe repair project first before getting the permit for the entire project as a whole. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Johnson stated the challenge with this particular project and many of the projects is the timeline prior to obtaining a permit. A brief discussion ensued.

Point Beach – Mr. Johnson stated he did not have an update. He reminded the Board they are using Bayview Beach as a guide before proceeding with the Point Beach project.

Calf Pen/Beachland Avenue – Mr. Johnson explained the work recently done which tips the road so that water flows back toward the marsh. He stated there are still some punch list items, as well as items that will need to be done in the spring such as re-seeding, etc. He also reported the asphalt apron was also put in at the end.

Milford Point Road – Mr. Johnson stated there are 20 action items that the City Engineer noted on this project. He stated once they receive final review they will go out to bid.

Morningside Revetment – Mr. Johnson stated he received approval from Army Corp of Engineers. He also provided update regarding mitigation and the Connecticut Audubon Center and the reference to the central fish habitat.

Gulf Beach/Welches Point Road – Mr. Johnson reported they received approval, which included a fee for the mitigation in the amount of \$3,275.39, payable to the National Audubon Society.

Wildemere/Walnut Beach – Mr. Johnson reported he was waiting for GEI for the final payment

Mr. Bach asked the status of the projects.

Mr. Johnson stated they are moving along very slowly. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Zabinski asked about the geo tech balls and when that type design would be incorporated into the property. In addition, the sand filled tubes that were observed at the Stratford Audubon might be useful to stabilize the proposed dune, rather than the rock core that was discussed, but discouraged by DEEP. DEEP might be receptive to these more natural type of core reinforcement. Discussion ensued as to how and when to address.

Mr. Casey suggested a simple solution would be to incorporate into the current review process.

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Crescent Beach– no report.

Pelham Street - Mr. Johnson reported they have not received written comment. He stated they are in a hurry up and wait mode at this point.

Mr. Casey asked about the stairs and ADA access.

Mr. Johnson stated he has not looked at those plans in quite some type, but would provide the Committee with that information. Mr. Johnson also reported he received the final invoices from RACE, however with the City's change over to the MUNIS financial system, it has slowed things significantly.

Gulf Beach Breakwater – Mr. Johnson referenced the Guidance on the Living Shoreline design. He explained they don't want to dictate it, but rather have "us" design it. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Casey commented it can be an effective system, although quite expensive. He stated the wave breaking is key. Discussion resumed.

B) Update: Resiliency Plan –no report.

C) Update: Program for Public Information (PPI) and the Community Rating System (CRS) – Mr. Johnson reported they would be meeting for a post project meeting to recap. He also commented about future education to the public regarding build up of leaves over the catch basin which is quite damaging and something to consider down the road.

Chairman Zabinski asked about any upcoming public information sessions.

Mr. Johnson stated he has been in touch with both the Deerfield and Bayview Beach Associations. Discussion ensued as to logistics of the planning of one or more public information events.

Chairman Zabinski suggested the Board wait to hear from Mr. Johnson for a full update.

VII. New Business

None.

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

The Board adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary