

# **TOWN OF FAIRFIELD FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD**

**The Flood and Erosion Control Board** held a Public Meeting at 7 PM on March 15 in the First floor conference room of Sullivan Hall.

A recording of the meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4r0pKNG9fEo>

## **MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Becky Bunnell, Vice Chair Don Lamberty, Secretary Richard Dmochowski, Peter Wiswell

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Paul Landino

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Members of the public

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Becky Bunnell called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

2. **To Hear, Consider and Act Upon Minutes of the February 15, 2022 regular meeting**

Richard Dmochowski had suggested corrections in Items 3, 5 & 7.

*Don Lamberty made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Peter Wiswell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

3. **Review of Master FECB project status**

Becky Bunnell said Town applied for a CIRCA grant and were waiting for approval to do a Benefit Cost Analysis for three projects. The Rooster River Project will be treated as dams and they might not need to have a public Conservation meeting but will still need to have meetings regarding the upper and lower Rooster River Projects. There will be two public meetings, April 6th and May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Board of Education building for the proposed plans on the two projects. One or more of the Flood and Erosion Resiliency Board will try to attend the meeting. Detention basins will be in phase 1, clearing brush and trees will be phase 2 and phase 3 will be to mitigate flooding.

URI sent a proposal for the High Action Wave Intensity study. Bill Hurley and Laura Pulie sent questions back to URI. Megha Jain is writing an RFP to go out. The resident initiated plan for lower Pine Creek dredging is going forward but the permit is not signed off yet. Becky Bunnell thinks it would be best to work through Conservation and will meet with Engineering Manager Bill Hurley and Conservation Director Tim Bishop. There is an online grant process that has to be submitted by May 19<sup>th</sup>. Neighborhoods with 501C4 organizations can apply too.

4. **Review of flood mapping with addresses**

There was something wrong with the original modeling of the maps, they didn't do a unique numerical model. Richard Dmochowski said there are basically three scenarios:

- Category 2 storm
- Seven inches of sea level rise with Category 2 storm
- Larger storm with twenty inches of sea level rising

Mr. Dmochowski said there are approximately 3,400 properties at risk with a total appraised value of \$3.5B.

A discussion followed about potential storms and damage.

Mr. Dmochowski said he would be comfortable using the data as it is descriptive of what could happen depending on the storm and risk.

5. **Review of our request to the Charter Revision Commission**

Becky Bunnell will send a formal request to the CRC to change the name of the Board from FECB to FERB (Flood and Erosion Resiliency Board)

6. **Update on CIRCA Grant request**

This was discussed earlier.

7. **Other old or new business that may properly come before the Board**

Richard Dmochowski discussed a Coastal Caucus meeting which included the Fenwick Project which has put rock sills at the Hepburn property in Old Saybrook to build up sand and protect the marsh from washing away.

8. **Public comment**

There was no public comment.

9. **Adjourn**

*Richard Dmochowski made a motion to adjourn. Don Lamberty seconded the motion.*

*The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien  
Recording Secretary