

**TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD
FLOOD, EROSION AND RESILIENCY BOARD**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held a Public Meeting at 7 PM on February 15 via teleconference.

A recording of this meeting can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YqnOLmsFpYQ>

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Becky Bunnell-Chair, Don Lamberty-Vice Chair, Richard Dmochowski-Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Landino, Peter Wiswell

1. Call to Order

Chair Becky Bunnell called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

2. To Hear, Consider and Act Upon Minutes of the January 18, 2022 regular meeting

Richard Dmochowski suggested a change in Item 4 of the 1/18/22 minutes to read, “Ms. Bunnell will speak with Bill Hurley for assistance.”

Mr. Dmochowski also suggested striking out the last line in that paragraph.

Don Lamberty made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/18/21 as amended. Richard Dmochowski seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Review of Master FECB project status

Becky Bunnell and Richard Dmochowski met with Engineering Manager, Bill Hurley to get an update on the ARPA funded projects.

- Rooster River project was approved, and they have applied for permits. There will be a public hearing the first week of April, but they are still awaiting confirmation on the date.
- Engineering is working on the RFP for Perry’s Green
- Downtown Infrastructure- SLR (formerly Malone & MacBroom) submitted proposal, but nothing has been finalized yet.
- High Intensity Wave Study – Conversation with URI to use a consultant and other resources they may have whether it be it professors and graduate students. The Town could use URI resources to do numerical modeling or a character of the coastal habitat and more. It gives the Town a more cost-effective way to look at a range of options. The ensuing dialog on this project could include someone from DEEP and from CIRCA.

The amount previously approved for these items was \$400,000, but the Town has decided to reduce that amount to pay for the Ash Creek Resilience Project. Conservation Director Tim Bishop did not know how much that would cost yet.

Ms. Bunnell said there were a few other projects that were approved:

- Fairfield Beach Club RFP going out in March
- Fairfield Beach Elevation Study- on slight hold as surveyors were pulled off project to work on Rooster River and other projects.

Richard Dmochowski is getting the Master Plan updated so they can present that to the Boards.

4. Review of flood mapping with addresses

The maps are confusing because they allude the high water storm is less harmful than a low water storm. Richard Dmochowski brought it to the attention of the Engineering Dept. Megha will look into it. The study did show that the worst case scenario would be 20” of sea level rise with a category 3 hurricane. Mr. Dmochowski said the maps will be a good tool to get data.

5. Review of our request to the Charter Revision Commission

Becky Bunnell submitted a request for a name change in the Charter. Richard Dmochowski mentioned that the Charter does not have an abbreviation of the Flood and Erosion Control Board. Mr. Dmochowski suggested the Board leave it that way and not abbreviate.

Don Lamberty made a motion to send communication to the Charter Revision Commission to change the name of the Flood and Erosion Control Board, to Flood Prevention Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board.

Dick Dmochowski seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Bunnell said internally they will call themselves FERB for Flood & Erosion Resiliency Board.

6. Update on CIRCA Grant request

The CIRCA Grant application was sent in for the benefit cost analysis for three sections of the Master Plan. The Board requested \$30,000 but the total money for which all requests for grant are taken is \$150,000. Becky Bunnell will update the Board at the March meeting.

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

There will be a Coastal Caucus call on Thursday at 10:00am. Registration might be needed to have access to the zoom link.

The Environmental Business Council (EBC) hosted a meeting with DEEP and they went over different state views (MA & RI) on living shorelines and green structures. The Power Point presentation on their website.

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 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary