

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD

FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD

Special Meeting, 7:00 PM, July 26, 2022

First Floor Conference Room Sullivan Hall

725 Old Post Road, Fairfield CT

A recording of this meeting can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bYnOHyKfpl>

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Becky Bunnell, Secretary Richard Dmochowski, Paul Landino

Members Absent: Vice Chair Don Lamberty, Peter Wiswell

1. Call to Order
Chair Becky Bunnell called the meeting to order at 7:13pm.
2. Review of our request to the Charter Revision Commission
Richard Dmochowski stated that the FECB had submitted multiple changes to the Charter Revision Commission regarding statutes passed through the state last year. Action items were in the letter dated November 2021. A Redline version of the Charter had no changes. Mr. Dmochowski spoke at a public hearing for the CRC and in the current version of the redlined Charter, all of the requests have been included. The proposal in the revised charter that the DPW Director is an ex officio member of the FERB is reflected in both the DPW Director and FERB sections of the Charter.
3. Discussion on input to POCD and Parks and Rec master plan
Draft of proposed resilience section of the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) was presented to Planning and zoning and members of the FECB. Becky Bunnell has a full response which was sent out to FECB members and reviewed in the meeting. Ms. Bunnell would like each member to do the same and send response to Becky to be consolidated. Fairfield will be a resilient community. Resiliency can be funded and can be eligible to receive grants if the item is in POCD. There were 6 sections. The first was to protect the hubs: Downtown station and Post Road, Stratfield Village, Southport Station and Village, Black Rock Turnpike, Greenfield Hill Village, Fairfield Metro and Kings Highway. Ms. Bunnell said she would like to expand that to include Fire Station #1, Police Station and historical buildings and our beaches which represent the core essence of our town. Richard Dmochowski printed the slides from the POCD presentation and there was a discussion about the presentation.
Richard Dmochowski made a motion to write a formal commentary on POCD process and topics to be included. Becky Bunnell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan: new SRT going in on Ash Creek Town Property and will influence marsh health. The Jennings plan seems to chop through dikes. South Pine Creek/Old Dam Road entrance from parking lot to tidegates needs access for tidegates maintenance. Richard Dmochowski sent out the drawing for the plans for a pump station at Jennings beach. Parks and Recreation Director Anthony Calabrese is aware of Mr. Dmochowski's concerns.

4. Update on status of Current 'projects'

(Full discussion on all items can be heard in the meeting recording. Link to recording is attached at the top of this document.)

- Riverside Drive at Turney Creek SRT/Bridge replacement-Shovel ready but needs funding and a grant. \$5.5M project. The 14pt request will need to be presented when requesting funding.
- SRT replacement at Riverside Drive open space- Money is approved for self-regulating tidegates.
- Tide Gate replacement at end of South Pine Creek Ave. (McLeavy)- This has also been approved.
- Rooster River Resiliency project – out for permits.
- Resilience measures along the shorefront- this is for a high intensity wave project. NothiMoney approved through ARPA.
- Old Dam Road SRT replacement- Will speak with Engineering Manager Bill Hurley.
- Resilience Measures at the Fairfield Beach Club has not yet started- Will speak with Engineering Manager Bill Hurley.
- Status of WWTP project- Micro grid completion is biggest item to do. The pump station #1 is powered by the micro grid. Emergency generator is there in case of emergency.
- Status of the Penfield Pavilion vis-à-vis FEMA/DEEP- no update on this item at this time.
- Perrys Green update-Project has started.

5. Public comment

There was no public comment.

6. Adjourn

Becky Bunnell made a motion to adjourn. Richard Dmochowski seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary