

**TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD
September 20, 2022, 7pm Meeting Notice**

A recording of this meeting can be found here: [youtube.com/watch?v=xdWGEer_OPU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xdWGEer_OPU)

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Landino, Peter Wiswell

1. Call to Order

Chair Becky Bunnell called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

2. To Hear, Consider and Act Upon Minutes of the August 16, 2022 meeting

Richard Dmochowski made a motion to approve the minutes of 8/16/22 as written. Don Lamberty seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Review our written request to the POCD update group

Becky Bunnell has the final document that she would like to send to the POCD. Richard Dmochowski wanted to commend Ms. Bunnell for putting it together. Mr. Dmochowski also suggested adding to the document that it was approved by the FECB at the 9/20/22 meeting prior to her sending it so they know it was looked at and approved by the board. Dave Murphy is the point person from Fitzgerald and Halliday, Inc, but Adam Tecza is the Project Manager and will be added to the email list. It is state mandated that 40% of all grant funds go to existing low-income properties in the flood plan unable to make improvements due to cost. There was a discussion about changing the wording of some items in the document.

4. Discussion on evolving plans for Penfield Pavilion plan

Richard Dmochowski and Becky Bunnell met with CAO Tom Bremer and Engineering Department Project Engineer Eli Ghazal to discuss the plan for Penfield Pavilion. They need to go back and re-examine the grade issue. FEMA is not budging regardless of raising the grade of the foundation to FEMA requirements. Richard Dmochowski asked to see that original construction plans from 2009, hopeful that there will

be an existing site plan that will have drawings showing what grade regulation was when the pavilion was built. They all discussed exploring the option of raising the foundation one foot to comply with FEMA regulations. Mr. Dmochowski said thought the Town's vision is to remove the fill in sections and moving the foundation down a foot. Ms. Bunnell strongly believes they should not compromise the engineered beach. Ms. Bunnell also thought FEMA might want to remove the playground as well. The discussion continued and the thought with the board was to mitigate the areas that could be mitigated, build a wall along the street with a flood barrier. DEEP will have to review everything.

5. Review any updates on status of current *'projects'*
 - Fairfield Beach Club-Process of design by RACE. Also with RACE, Riverside to the open space area, tidegates need to be kept up.
 - Perry's Green-progressing took borings and will meet next month to see what is recommended and cost.
 - Ash Creek-GZA working on it.
 - Rooster River-Sinnott property purchase approved by the RTM. It will benefit the low part of the area on Algonquin.
 - High Intensity Wave Study-not started yet. Engineering Manager Bill Hurley thinking about giving it to RACE.
 - Fairfield Beach Road-Surveyor has many things to do for the elevation study.

6. Any additional business that may properly come before the Board
 - Senator Tony Hwang thinks resiliency is good. FECB need to push to get more money from the government.
 - Resilience letter will be on next agenda for October to be approved.
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant berm almost finished. CT Association of Flood Plain Managers had a tour.
 - Becky Bunnell hosted a Climate Change working group.
 - FEMA community program 2.3b is now available.

7. Public comment

No public comment.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary