

VoM FMAC – Agenda – Jan 25, 2022

Old Business

1. **Welcome** to the FMAC Jan 2022 Meeting and Happy New Year
2. **Meeting Dates** for 2022 – posted on VoM Website; next Mtg. Feb 15, 2022
3. **Minutes** – October 2021
4. **Invited Guest** – Catherine Parker – Westchester County Legislator
 - Updates and Information Exchange
5. **BoT Mtg Updates**
 - ‘Asks’
 - ***Floodplain Applications Review*** – Approved informal look-over of Applications in Floodplain by FMAC
 - *“Applications to be cc'd to FMAC for "anything requiring a floodplain development permit, not all building permits which would include items such as interior renovations, electric, plumbing, scaffold, etc.”*
 - Process to be informal and to start immediately
 - Projects rec'd - discussion
 - FMAC to send advisory responses to??
 - ***Meeting with the ACE - pending***
 - What, when and who will be involved
 - Agreed upon Agenda – by BoT, Village Mgr., FMAC & ACE
 - ‘Green Light’ from NY DEC?
 - ***Preparedness – Updates from FMAC***
 - Summary list of low hanging fruit
 - Items the Village can achieve asap
 - Longer term items
 - ***Regulations Review***
 - Summary list of Regulations and procedures for review:
 - Short term
 - Longer term
 - ***Flood Plain Mgr.***
 - paid for by the VoM
 - contact via Village Mgr.
 - possible invite to FMAC mtg?
6. **Watershed Flood Planning** – started discussions at Dec Meeting
 - ACE Projects – to be discussed at ACE MTG – tba
 - Other Projects
 - 21st Century Monitoring, Recording, Controlling and Communications – Plan?
 - Dams, Reservoirs and Rivers

- Dan Natchez pushing for Stream Gauges – support?
- The Road to Nowhere - status
- Watershed/Regional Cooperation and Communications
 - LISWIC – reactivate?
 - Join other Groups – which?
 - other

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7. **NRCS** – Floodplain Easement (FPE) Program, (Floodplain Buyout Program) - Updates
 - LOI, Letter of Intent sent
 - Conference Call Update – Peggy Jackson & Tony Gelber
 - Possible short-term repairs re Ida
 - Possible buyout programs
 - Brainstorming on locations for ‘row of properties’
 - Different locations and concepts possible – how to we list all and get the best?

8. Other

**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK FLOOD MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2021 ZOOM MEETING**

Attendance:

Peggy Jackson, Chairperson
Maria De Rose, Member
Dana Gallagher, Member
Steven Glener, Member
Paul Ryan, Member
Andrew Spatz, Member
Dan Natchez, Member of BOT
Catherine Parker, County Legislator
Megan Glander, Regional Director for Sen. Schumer

Minutes:

1. Meeting came to order at 7:30 pm through Zoom remote access
2. Old Business
 - a. Village staff remains overwhelmed by IDA response, so there are no new updates since the previous meeting
3. Comments from Attendees
 - a. **Laura Abbate** says that this is the first committee meeting she has attended in a long time, and she would like to go on record that she is “thoroughly disgusted” that the Village Manager and Mayor are not in attendance. The resident questions how the BOT can devote so much time to discussing the opening of cannabis stores and not devote more attention to flooding issues. She says she is also upset with the mayor for his focus on affordable housing when talking about flooding issues -- she wants to know what is being done now.
 - i. Ms. Abbate requests a date or a date range for when the Mayor, Village Manager, and Flood Committee can get on a bus go to DC and advocate with Sen. Schumer for the ACE plan
 - ii. Trustee Natchez says that Core has said it will take about nine months to a year to complete the design phase of the plan. The funding for that, as he understands it, has either been completed, or is in the process of being completed.
 - iii. Peggy says the Flood Committee has requested a meeting with the ACE and has put together a list of our concerns. She advises Ms. Abbate to email her any specific questions she has related to ACE, so the Committee can relay them.
 - iv. Ms. Abbate is also concerned about the shipping containers at Columbus Park, which cause damning. Peggy says the Committee wrote to the Village Manager this past month and expressed this same concern. After

this meeting, the Committee will update our prior memo to reflect Ms. Abbate's concerns.

- b. **Megan Glander** joins the call and says saw we were able to get funding specifically for army corps construction projects in the disaster supplemental bill that recently passed Congress. The next steps are to get it approved by the army office of civil works and then it's approved by the office of management and budget.
- c. **Andrene Smith** asks whether the ACE included provisions for the elevation of homes within the Village and, if so, during which part of the construction phases will that occur. Megan says she will run that question by the Core
- d. **Norm Rosenblum** asks whether there is funding for the engineering stage. He says the Village, in conjunction with the ACE, should support the maintenance of rivers prone to flooding. Peggy agrees and says that the Committee wrote in our memo to the Village that the Grove Street overpasses were completely blocked post-IDA and need to be dredged immediately.
 - i. Megan shares that the funding Senator Schumer put in this disaster supplemental bill is for construction.
- e. **A resident** asks what can be done to make sure that the cost benefit ratio is acceptable for us to finally get shovels in the ground re: ACE project.
 - i. Megan says the ratio won't be a problem anymore, because it now takes into account human life and loss of life.
- f. **Tim** asks what is being done now in the planning phase of the ACE project to address flooding issues.
 - i. Peggy says that should talk about the Road to Nowhere, and since Harrison has now started its own flood committee, we can work with them. Peggy says that anyone who is not on the Committee should send suggestions of what we can be tackling or what you'd like to see done.
- g. **Tim** says that there was a bridge construction going over the White Plains Road by I-95 -- since this is a construction zone, it was closed during IDA evacuation
 - i. Maria said we made the Village Manager aware of this issue in our prior memo
- h. **Peggy** asks Catherine Parker about the status of watershed taxing authority plans. Catherine says that there are discussions about re-instituting the plan.
- i. **Bernie says** he is disappointed that the Mayor is not at this meeting. He asks about the Mamaroneck Reservoir and if ladder mere is needed. He says that

someone needs to know exactly where that river goes in before any construction begins

- i. Peggy says she wants to bring this up to the ACE when the Committee discusses the project. She says that municipalities which own the damn (Town of Harrison, the Village of Mamaroneck) were told that it either needed to be repaired or torn down, but the Village of Mamaroneck has not made a final decision
 - ii. Catherine says that the County Executive is very much aware of flood mitigation issues. The County has a designated fund to help communities with their flood mitigation projects. This is a matching fund
- j. Bernie asks** what is being done to address flooding in Columbus Park
- i. Peggy says that the plan is to put an evacuation tunnel underneath the parking lot by Jefferson Avenue, which will create a diversionary tunnel
 - ii. Trustee Natchez says that we need to change the river flow between Ward Avenue and Tompkins Avenue Bridge
 - iii. Paul says that the Center Avenue bridge is a footbridge and you've got to leave at least one footbridge for the kids to get to school -- this creates additional challenges
- k. Katie D says** the Committee should discuss the New York State Thruway's authority regarding I-95, since this highway runs right through our floodplain just a couple of feet away from the Sheldrake River. A storage facility should be provided to mitigate the increased discharge resulting from storm drain systems.
- i. Paul and Peggy say this may be a question for Megan because roads are a federal issue. Peggy asks that Katie send her a paragraph outlining her suggestion, which the Committee can then send to Megan. Catherine advises that the paragraph be sent to Steve Otis and Shelley Mayer as well.
- l. A resident asks** why, if you go to USGS, Westchester County has absolutely no gauges yet many communities in the county flood.
- i. Catherine says that that there are storm gauges in Westchester County, but municipalities are usually the lead agencies, which is why there is likely no data for Westchester
- m. Trustee Natchez** says that he gives tremendous credit to the Department of Public Works for everything it has done post - IDA in Washingtonville. He suggests people come to the Nov. 8 BOT meeting to share their continued concerns about the Village's flood response
- n. Paul asks** whether the Village can hire a hydraulic engineer who can address whether aquifer could include a safety valve in the ACE plan.
- i. Trustee Natchez says there is a report online that addresses current issues with the ACE plan that should be addressed by a hydrologist.

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