

Minutes from FMAC meeting of Feb 23, 2010

Committee Members in attendance: Benny Salanitro, Cindy Goldstein, George Schieferdecker, Andrew Spatz, Paul Ryan, Peggy Jackson

Officials in Attendance: Mayor Norman Rosenblum, VM Richard Slingerland, Asst Village Manager Dan Sarnoff

Meeting called to order at 7.11 pm

Attaching Memo from Village Manager of presentation made at the BOT meeting of Feb 22nd.

Old Business

Minutes from Jan 26, 2010 meeting approved

Dan Sarnoff advised that all of the contracts have now been signed enabling the ACE to begin the study. The Kickoff meeting will take place the week of March 29th. The kickoff meeting will be attended by Rich Slingerland and Dan Sarnoff as well as representatives from the County, State and the ACE. After this meeting we should have a sense of when the study will begin.

Update from Village Manager re permits for Mudcat. Still no definitive word so we have asked Dan Sarnoff to get more precise information as to the status of permits from the County.

Requested an update re status of Dormitory Grant for the Jefferson Ave Bridge. Mayor Rosenblum advised the process has slowed due to the Town of Rye. Dan mentioned that the grant process is very lengthy and unpredictable.

A discussion arose questioning what steps the Village will be taking as many of the grants we are perusing require a percentage of matched funds from the Village. The FMAC requests that a spread sheet be prepared showing the grants currently pending, the dates grants were submitted, the percentage the Village will be responsible to match, and a rough idea of when the grants will be given. Once this spreadsheet is prepared, it should be submitted to the BOT for budgetary purposes, and should be routinely updated and distributed.

Update on Hampshire CC. The Mayor advised the Village is doing it's due diligence. Andrew Spatz advised a group has been formed called the Orienta Point Assn. They are looking into the best way to keep the property as Green as possible. Andrew has been named by the FMAC as a liaison to keep the FMAC informed regarding Orienta Point's progress.

New Business

Re: liability for the Dam on the Mamaroneck River. The Village is liable for the dam. In a brief discussion it came out that it would be very expensive to remove the dam, and that the dam currently holds back considerable amounts of silt which should not be permitted to reach the LI Sound.

A letter from FEMA which states there are funds available for repetitive flood incident properties to receive funds from FEMA to raise their homes. Dan will look into finding out more information on this possible option and report back to the committee next month.

River Clean Up. We propose a date of May 22.

We asked Dan if a grant application was added to the Grants sent to Nita Lowey covering the buttress at the Anita Lane Bridge. We were told the opportunity to add to that particular grant has passed. Cindy Goldstein requested the VM prepare a master list of yearly grant options which details grants available and when the applications must be filed.

In addition it was requested that we put together a spreadsheet of all flood mitigation projects which the Village should be attempting to find funding for. I will be happy to put together such a spreadsheet, but ask that all members e mail me with their suggestions of projects on both the Mamaroneck and Sheldrake Rivers.

We would like to invite County Executive Astorino to do a Riverwalk with the Village on the third Anniversary of the April 15 2007 flood. I will prepare a draft of a letter of recommendation from the FMAC to the BOT urging the invitation be extended.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding whether or not we should be preparing specific points that we would like the ACE study to cover when doing their study. At the end of the discussion it was decided that all members of the Committee should prepare their suggestions and we will forward them to the VM to present to the ACE at the Kickoff Meeting.

A discussion of what Village codes need to be amended to ensure we will be compliant for the Hazard Mitigation program. Dan will check with the Village Atty and report back to the committee. In addition I will check with the Building Dept to see their thoughts.

We asked that Dan check with Rich regarding the timing of applications to the County Task force for flood mitigation grants. Dan will report back next meeting.

The final lengthy discussion took place regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Dan explained that we are currently writing applications for grant money to finish the HMP.

Paul questioned if there is a section in the HMP covering persons with disabilities. Dan advised that when the consultants develop the plan, it will be included. Once the HMP has been approved there will be an additional avenue for flood mitigation grants. In addition we will be able to apply to the CRS which will save individuals paying flood insurance to cheaper premium rates. We also requested that the Asst VM prepare a spreadsheet detailing all grants currently under review and the status of each grant request.