

# VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK FLOOD MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2019 MEETING

## Attendance:

Peggy Jackson, Co-Chair  
Eric Mandell, Member  
Seamus O'Rourke, Co-Chair  
Paul Ryan, Member  
Daniel Sarnoff, Acting Village Manager  
Andrew Spatz, Member  
Robert Stark, Member  
Keith Waite, Trustee and Committee Board Liason

## Minutes:

1. Meeting came to order punctually at 7:30pm in the Regatta
2. Minutes from the prior meeting were approved with no recommended changes.
3. Acting Village Manager Dan Sarnoff provided printed annotated comments to the meeting's agenda – this document is to be included as an appendix to these minutes. Discussion followed, with the notes below highlighting items not in Dan's write up:
  - a. Army Corps of Engineers plan:
    - i. Efforts are underway to connect the incoming Village manager with the Army Corps of Engineers team
  - b. Anita Lane bridge:
    - i. Dan has heard that the plan is to rehab the wingwall by removing what is in the river, and also to reshape the center abutment.
    - ii. Timing is uncertain at this point.
  - c. Hampshire Country Club
    - i. An upcoming meeting was cancelled – the committee plans to check in at our next meeting.
  - d. WJWW Dam
    - i. See Dan's annotated agenda notes: the valves that have been under discussion by this committee are in fact weir valves used for water quality purposes.
    - ii. The committee challenged whether the valves could work as flood mitigation notwithstanding the foregoing. The FMAC would like to invite Terry O'Neil to a future meeting to discuss further.
  - e. Vacuum truck:

- i. The truck is scheduled to be discussed during the 2019/2020 VOM budget meetings.
  - ii. The village has been made aware of the availability of a smaller truck than previously considered.
  - iii. The Village's contractor, Cook, has a rate of \$160/catch basin – there was a sentiment that it could be more efficient for the Village to do the work itself.
  - iv. Andrew Spatz made an impassioned case for a village of 19k people needing equipment we can rely on to clear storm drains.
  - v. Dan sent around via email a current working document for target basins that a Village vacuum truck would target. Trustee Waite insisted that the committee have fulsome documents related to this point in advance of the next meeting.
  - vi. Further, Trustee Waite articulated that the Board doesn't currently have justification for such a purchase, and that a cohesive and sensible business plan synthesizing the Cook contractor, a self-owned and operated vacuum truck and related staffing must be developed. Dan is to provide the business plan that was developed last year for comment and adjustment. Trustee Waite recommended another work session on the topic.
  - vii. Finally, all present appeared swayed by the argument that having a vacuum truck of the Village's would be critical for using as leverage in storm situations.
  
- f. As an aside, Trustee Waite mentioned a new template from the BOT where FMAC would be able to keep a regular and evolving note of the current most urgent committee's activities and action items. The committee was enthusiastic about this opportunity.
  
- g. Hillside and Waverly Bridges
  - i. HCZMC process on-going and expected to go back to BOT in March.
  
- h. Community Rating System (CRS)
  - i. Work continues to be underway.
  - ii. Suggestion to create a group to extract information from the Policy and Procedures manual that will be developed for this purpose, and distribute that information to the public.
  
- i. VOM Contact List
  - i. Village distribution list is available. Trustee Waite announced the formation of a communications committee that will be formed in the coming weeks.
  
- j. Save the Sound
  - i. Dan will reach out to Peter Linderoth to discuss testing.
  
- k. Red Cross
  - i. Fire Marshall calling Red Cross during flooding emergencies to be included in CRS manual.
  
- l. Dredging

- i. Next step for Dan to look into bidding work out.
- m. Construction near old A&P
  - i. A discussion was had of the requirements related to flooding of new construction such as the work that occurred near the old A&P.
  - ii. In this case, it was inferred that there were engineer stamped drawings that satisfied flood proof requirements.
- n. Finally there was a discussion of the exciting developments in the Industrial Area. Andrew Spatz provided some information on the activities of that committee and solicited input and other engagement with the process.
- o. There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 9:07pm.