

VoM FMAC – Agenda – Dec 28, 2021- Revised Dec 28, 2021

Old Business

1. Welcome to the FMAC Dec 2021 Meeting
2. Agenda has been modified since it was posted originally
 - Meeting Dates for 2022
 - NRCS Floodplain Easement Program – see New Business
 - Minutes – we may discuss next month?
 - Note – only ‘Regulation’ to be discussed is the process by which FMAC to review Applications in the Floodplain
3. BoT Mtg Updates
 - ‘Asks’
 - **Floodplain Applications Review** – Content & Process
 - response to Dan Sarnoff needed
 - **Content**
 - Dan Sarnoff Wording
 - *“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.”*
 - TG summarized FMAC members thoughts ‘
 - *‘Applications for new construction and renovations in the floodplain (excluding items such as interior renovations, electric, plumbing, scaffold be cc'd to the FMAC when they are sent to the Planning Board and or HCZMC, (residential and comm'l).’*
 - **Process**
 - Timeframe for turnaround – 60days?
 - FMAC vote on content – majority vote or unanimous?
 - Send responses to?
 - Have VoM legal check these procedures and formalize - content and process?
 - Other?
 - **Other ‘Asks’**
 - **Meeting with the ACE**
 - What, when and who will be involved
 - Develop a draft list of possible Agenda items:
 - ‘Ida Effects’
 - Items in the Plan
 - Items not in the Plan
 - Controversial Items

- The Design Process
- FMAC Role
- Community Information and Engagement
- Other

- **Preparedness**

- Can we develop a summary list of:
 - Low hanging fruit
 - Items the Village can achieve asap
 - Longer term items
 - Does an FMAC member want to head this effort?

- **Regulations Review**

- Can we develop a summary list of Regulations and procedures we would like to review:
 - Short term
 - Longer term
 - Does an FMAC member want to head this effort?

- **Flood Plain Mr.**

- Next Steps
- Other

4. Watershed Flood Planning

- Develop a list of possible steps and actions
- Does an FMAC member want to head this effort?

New Business

5. NRCS – Floodplain Easement (FPE) Program, (Floodplain Buyout Program)

- USDA Program – assists with buyouts in floodplains
- Village matching funds most likely req'd
- Letter of Intent does not commit the Village
- Letter from Village to USDA, by Dec 31, 2021 req'd for participation
- Does FMAC recommend submitting a LOI, Letter of Intent?

6. FMAC Goals – VoM Framework & Your ideas

7. Member Goals

- Thoughts?

8. Structure for Effectiveness

- Member take Areas of interest and report back to FMAC?

9. Sound Shore Flood Planning

- TG believes we need a Plan; what do we have?
- Does an FMAC member want to head this effort?

10. 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 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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