

VoM FMAC – Agenda – April 26, 2022, Revised

Old Business

1. Welcome to the FMAC April 26, 2022 Meeting
2. Meeting Dates for 2022 – posted on VoM Website
 - **Next meetings**
 - Interim # 2 – Prep Meeting for Ace Mtg on May 18
 - date/format tba
 - May 24 - in person or Zoom?
3. **Floodplain Application Review Process**
 - Application Process Review
 - Regs Review
 - Moratorium Proposal from the BoT – in favor or not
4. **Harrison Development**
 - Process to address
5. **Legislator Catherine Parker - Updates**
6. **Mamaroneck Dam – Brief Update**
7. **Watershed Approach – A Holistic Approach**
 - USACE will not solve all Flooding Problems
 - A Watershed Plan can address many areas
 - Areas of Concern
 - Ace Project
 - Non-ACE Areas
 - Mam Dam & Reservoir
 - Beaver Swamp Brook
 - Florence Park
 - Upstream Flows
 - Harrison Development
 - Other
 - Communication with State, County, Other Municipalities
 - Add'l Funding to be investigated
8. **USACE Project**
 - Ida floodmarks - Updates
 - ACE Mtg Prep – Questions from Community Members
 - Digital Questions – Update TG
 - Physical Meeting – Update Elsa Rubin
 - FMAC Questions to ACE – Update
 - ACE Mtg May 18 - Updates
 - Other
9. **BoT Mtg Updates – from 4/25/22**
 - Florence Park Area; List of catch storm and sanitary cleanouts
 - Regulations
10. **Housing and Easements – Discussion**

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11. **Floodproofing project Outline – Steven Glener**

12. Other

VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK FLOOD MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 28th, 2021 ZOOM MEETING

Attendance:

Anthony Gelber, Chairperson, Sec Dana Gallagher, Members – Peggy Jackson, Steven Glener, Elsa Puerto Rubin, Andrew Spatz, Dave Finch

Dan Natchez, Member of BOT

Minutes:

Meeting came to order at 5:30 pm through Zoom remote access

Old Business

13. BoT Mtg Updates

- ‘Asks’
 - **Floodplain Applications Review** – Content & Process
 - **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?
 - **Next Steps: Trustee Natchez says that he will communicate FMAC’s request to receive a copy of any land use application in a flood zone that has expansion outside the footprint of a building**
 - **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
- Next steps: FMAC will wait until January 15th to submit another request for a meeting with BOT and Village Manager; the Committee will reach out to Megan Glander of Senator Schumer's office thereafter.
- **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?
 - Next Steps: FMAC will circle back to preparedness in future meetings
- **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?
 - Next steps: Trustee Natchez advises that the Planning Department can give access to a list of current regulations relating to building in a flood plain. Any newly proposed regulations would need to be drafted by BOT and could then be forwarded to FMAC upon request.

14. Watershed Flood Planning

- Develop a list of possible steps and actions
- Does an FMAC member want to head this effort?
- Next Steps: FMAC commits to drafting a list of areas/flood infrastructure in need of regular maintenance before the next meeting. Then, FMAC can discuss sharing this list with the BOT.

New Business

15. 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?
- Next Steps: FMAC commits to exploring the Program more and will attend the meetings with USDA representative on 4th and 5th to learn more about it. The Committee will also reach out to Village Manager to advise him of the program and his thoughts on participating in it. he and FMAC commits to drafting a list of areas/flood infrastructure in need of regular maintenance before the next meeting. Then, FMAC can discuss sharing this list with the BOT.

16. FMAC Goals – VoM Framework & Your ideas

- Next Steps: FMAC will circle back to this framework once we finish our ACE work.

17. Sound Shore Flood Planning

- **Next Steps:** FMAC to consider better ways to communicate our work and ways to respond to flooding emergencies in real time – whether through engaging more on social media or coordinating with the Mayor or Robert Ingenito on his Village newsletter

18. Other

- **Status of Beaver Swamp Creek**
- **Next Steps:** FMAC to meet with Harrison's new flood mitigation committee to discuss Project Homerun.
 - **Status of FMAC Memo to VOM**
- **Next Steps:** FMAC to re-submit memo with unanswered questions to BOT
 - **Responding to Flooding in Sound Shore**
- **Next Steps:** Maria DeRose and Elsa Puerto Rubin will meet and devise a list of areas prone to coastal flooding. FMAC will also send an email to Village Manager outlining the collapse of seawall (with pictures), which can be put into FEMA re-imbursement grant. There is a deadline on middle to end of Jan.

VoM FMAC – Minutes – Jan 25, 2022

Attendance:

Anthony Gelber, Chairperson

Dave Finch, Member

Dana Gallagher, Member

Steven Glener, Member

Peggy Jackson, Chairperson

Elsa Puerto Rubin, Member

Andrew Spatz, Member

Dan Natchez, Member of BOT; Guest - Legislator Catherine Parker

Minutes:

Meeting came to order at 7 pm through Zoom remote access

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. 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
 - FMAC to send advisory responses to??
 - **Next Steps: Tony and Peggy to write a memo highlighting the need to address four “low hanging fruit” priorities: Setting up a system for DPW, scheduling for backtrack, and chokepoints needing to be dredged.**
 - **Meeting with the ACE - pending**
 - What, when and who will be involved
 - Agreed upon Agenda – by BoT, Village Mgr., FMAC & ACE
 - **Next Steps: BOT to continue to push for the ACE meeting – delay due to coordination at different levels with ACE. Tony and Peggy to send another letter to ACE requesting a meeting**

- **Preparedness – Updates from FMAC?**
 - Summary list of low hanging fruit
 - Items the Village can achieve asap
 - Longer term items
- **Next Steps:**
 - **Road to Nowhere:** FMAC to look at it, to determine scope of work to submit to BOT for a set of engineer demo drawings and costs. This will be a “placeholder” submission
 - **Long Island Sound Watershed Intermunicipal Council (LISWIC):** Catherine Parker, County Legislator, discussed her efforts to revitalize LISWIC, The Long Island Sound Watershed Intermunicipal and a pending 1st meeting in many years between the Municipalities. This is an important step in better communication and cooperation between the Munis. Thank You Catherine Parker.
 - **IDA Clean-up:** As part of this two-pronged approach, Tony will send pics of rivers to Dan. If the Committee says yes, we will ask to proceed with USDA money for clean-up.
 - **“New Visions”:** FMAC to determine new, innovative ways to respond to flooding that could generate funding (ie buy-outs instead of just raising homes); as part of this effort, Tony to send Catherine Parker his prepared PowerPoint

New Business

4. NRCS – Floodplain Easement (FPE) Program, (Floodplain Buyout Program) - Updates
 - LOI, Letter of Intent sent
5. Other
 - a. **Next steps re: invasive vines:**
 - i. Tony and Kate to put together a list of all river sites with invasive vines and present the list to George Latimer, who will then determine which governmental entity is responsible for river upkeep.
 - b. **Next Steps re: Building Dept Codes:**
 - i. Dan to send over application formats and documents to FMAC
 - c. **Next Step re: Robert’s Newsletter**
 - d. Tony to write a paragraph for inclusion in the newsletter highlighting FMAC’s role and encouraging community attendance at meetings

VoM FMAC – Minutes – March 22, 2022

Attendance:

Anthony Gelber, Chairperson, Dave Finch, Member, Dana Gallagher, Member, Steven Glener, Member
Peggy Jackson, Chairperson, Elsa Puerto Rubin, Member, Andrew Spatz, Member
Dan Natchez, Member of BOT

Minutes:

Meeting came to order at 7 PM through Zoom remote access

Old Business

1. Welcome to the FMAC March 2022 meeting.
2. Meeting Dates for 2022 – posted on VoM Website, in person meetings at some point
3. Minutes Feb, 2022 - *Approved*
4. **USACE - Updates**
 - Meeting - The VoM is in the process of arranging a meeting to be held between the ACE/VoM/FMAC end of March, early April 2022. We are awaiting a specific date
 - FMAC 'Note' to ACE – 'Talking Points'
 - Other
 - **Updates**
 - *VoM Mayor and Village Mgr. met briefly with USACE aprox. March 10, 2022.*
 - *Design has begun and ACE will have a Public Meeting with the Mamaroneck Community at about 60% Design completion*
 - *Gelber & FMAC Members expressed frustration that FMAC had not been included, FMAC had asked for inclusion numerous times since Fall 2021*
 - *Gelber and FMAC expressed that transparency and participation key for a successful ACE project*
 - *Gelber stated that at the conclusion of the ACE meetings at the end of the planning phase, 2017, the ACE said they would meet early in the design phase to work out questions asked during the planning phase, 2016 & 2017*
 - *FMAC again requested a VoM Admin. be present at the FMAC meetings as had happened in 2015,16,17.*
5. **Florence Park Residents Letter – SW & Sanitary from Hank & Bea Cerasoli**
 - **Updates**
 - *Hank & Bea Ceasoli & Florence Park Area Residents had sent a letter, with many signatures, to FMAC indicating severe stormwater and sanitary problems in their area*
 - *Previous studies and some work had been done mostly on sanitary*
 - *FMAC suggested that FMAC ask the VoM BoT to study the Florence Park Area as the VoM has agreed to do in the West portion of the VoM*
 - *Gelber agreed to present at BoT work session when allowed to participate.*

6. Stormwater in the VoM – West of Mam Ave – discussion re Engineer - Review/Options

○ **Updates**

- *BoT have agreed to fund an engineer/planner to study area and present solution options*

7. Emergency Preparedness – Flood Safety Awareness Week

○ What can Villagers and Business do?

- Home, Businesses Plans and 'Go Bags' – can help
 - Home preparedness tips – sandbags my favorite
 - Citizen Preparedness Corp; Ready .Gov
- Evacuation Routes and Signage,
- Emergency Parking Areas – Rubin Update?
- Emergency Shelters?

○ Floatables – Glener Update

- Note – 2 floatables in Ida increased flood levels dramatically

○ USDA – post Ida Grant program – Gelber sent Barberio, Sarnoff, PowerPoint with pics of debris; VoM to follow up with USDA

○ VoM Maintenance

- Storm Sewer Maintenance & pre-storm cleanout schedule

○ **Updates**

▪ **River Cleanups**

- *Gelber has sent a PowerPoint to VoM with pics of debris in the Rivers and suggested trying to get a USDA grant for 'post Ida cleanups'*
- *Community Members expressed frustration that Rivers had not been cleaned particularly since Ida and that free demolition trash pickups had been stopped*
- *FMAC has been asking for regular river maintenance for months, again particularly post Ida*
- *Trustee Young expressed that he believed Rivers should be cleaned and would push for action with the BoT*
- *(BoT has authorized funding and Village Mgr is in the process of getting the project started)*

▪ **Floatables**

- *Floatables, large items from sheds to trailers are a problem during floods*
- *During Ida a shed and a trailer were swept away and blocked flows at bridges*
- *Glener to take pics of Floatables around the VoM*
- *Code needs to be reviewed on how to deal with Floatables*

▪ **Parking During Emergencies**

- *VoM can provide parking outside of flood areas to prevent vehicle flooding and can remind community members of locations*

8. Coordination with other VoM Committees

- Guest Katherine Dehais – CFTE
 - Good ideas and River Cleanup
- Tree Committee – identify significant trees/habitats/species along the rivers?
- **Updates**
 - *Kate Dehais, VoM CFTE, updated the Community on her river walks and the debris as well as projects being undertaken by CFTE, many, including:*
 - *a May 7 River Cleanup – volunteers needed*
 - *A street litter campaign and others*

9. Health and Safety in the Floodplains

- Development, Regulations & Health and Safety in a Floodplain - discussion
- Moratorium
 - Full – no construction/renovation in a flood plain
 - Alternative - Partial Moratorium – suggestion Gelber
 - renovation and construction permitted with following restrictions
 - All codes applied, no variances
 - No increase in the number of dwelling units until flood levels decreased
- **Van Ranst Application – FMAC comments need to be sent to Land Use Committees**
- **Updates**
 - *FMAC will determine a process to look at and comment on all Applications in the Floodplain and respond to other Land Use Boards in a timely manner*
 - *FMAC needs to get copies of all the Applications - How does this happen?*
 - *Much discussion on the various floodplain regs, Application process and enforcement*
 - *Process for 572 Van Ranst – FMAC comments are advisory, not regulatory*
 - *Gelber suggested an alternative to a full moratorium – a partial moratorium; tabled to an upcoming meeting*

10. Capital Projects – Not Discussed

- Road to Nowhere, RTN
 - Mayor Murphy, Mayor Richard Dionisio, Harrison, Tony Gelber, Peg Jackson and several of the Harrison Flood Committee met on the Road to Nowhere
 - Previous plans to trim the road back were located by the VM's office and forwarded to the TOH. We are awaiting an update.

11. Housing – Not Discussed

- **USDA NRCS – Flood Plain Easement – Discussion – Next Steps?**

12. County Involvement – Not Discussed

- Thank You Catherine and John Filiberti; LISWIC, Capital \$. Road to Nowhere

13. Watershed Flood Planning – Not Discussed

- Communication with other Municipalities; Coastal Flood Planning, Grants?

14.Communications

- FMAC sent info paragraph to Robert Ingenito for inclusion in the VoM Newsletter
 - Depending on the space available may not get published
- **Updates**
 - *Resident Kelly very helpful in offering to set up a communications base – Thank you Mr. Kelly*
 - *Follow up discussion for process and content needed*

New Business

15.The Confluence – Options – mentioned only

- Gelber PowerPoint - Open stream across Parking Lot;
- Park & Lake with Culvert and Pumps

Meeting Ended