

## Minutes FMAC

Dec 27

### A. Areas of Discussion

1. Members Present @ Courthouse- Camarda, Gelber, Glener, Jackson, Trifiletti  
BOT liaison Present- Trustee Rollins  
Member Present Virtually- Gleber, Spatz  
CFTE Liaison- Katherine Dehais
2. Thank you to Elsa Rubin for her service on the board, Leliani Yizar-Reid for her service as the BOT trustee and Tony Gelber for his leadership as the FMAC chair for the past 2 years. Also announced Peggy Jackson is again a member of FMAC.
3. Announced that public comments should be held until the end
4. Reviewed FMAC accomplishments during the 2023 term
5. All members goals
6. Patty discussed River gauges and cameras
7. Tony- Presented Simple Plan for Working Together for a Drier Mamaroneck
8. Bernie- Presented New reservoir plan using a Levee approach
9. Dredging update
10. Review of Storms 12/9-10 & 16-17
11. ACE updated including
  - a. Progress on countersigned agreement between DEC and ACORE that starting project before fully funded will not jeopardize the project in any way and the use of County/State/Local money at this time is allowed
  - b. Regularly scheduling of meetings with FMAC and VOM
  - c. Tweak update
  - d. H&H studies for Anita Ave Bridge
  - e. Expected start date (2025)
  - f. Anita Ave & Tompkins Ave Bridge updates
12. Harbor Heights FMAC meet up update
13. Discussed impactful properties not for public sale
14. Update from Katherine Dehais from CFTE including
  - A. Update on CFTE park plan
  - B. Invasive vines
15. Tony Gelber accepted the post of FMAC liaison to the CFTE
16. Discussed updating the “low hanging fruit” list which details flood-related actions the Village can undertake to improve the Village’s flood prevention that would take less resources than other actions.
17. Harrison and Rye flood committee contact
18. Public comments on pumps in the confluence
19. The FMAC voted unanimously in support of the Resolutions below at the December 2023 Meeting.

b. The following resolutions were all passed unanimously by the Flood Mitigation Board-Village of Mamaroneck with the intent of being presented to the Village of Mamaroneck Board Of Trustees .

1. Army Corps Project. As the ACORE project is the most important and sensitive of all VOM projects FMAC requests the below are done as soon as possible with a February 1 goal of implementation.

a. Authorize the Village Manager to make best efforts to expediate the Army Core project countersigned agreement allowing the VOM to start smaller projects (Assuming this is the agreement that we can start work while waiting for The ACE to regroup)

a. Have the Village Manager reach out to ACORE staff in order to set up a monthly meeting with Village Staff, The Board of Trustees and The Village's Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee as agreed to by ACORE staff as per Oct 20 meeting.

b. The FMAC suggests clarification from the ACE before we begin putting shovels in the ground regarding what the timing will be for the requested funding from Congress, what the timing will be for the Corps to begin the project if we don't do anything ourselves, and what will happen if Congress does not approve the approximately \$40 million in additional funding. If the additional funds are not approved, will the original project need to be narrowed? If so why are we beginning a project when we don't know what effect the funding will have on the entire project?

c. The FMAC requests a face to face meeting with ACE at their headquarters with members of the FMAC committee, members of the VM's staff and all members of the ACE staff who are actively working on the project. We want to go with our list of questions which have not been answered for more than 2 years, and for everyone to sit at the same table and discuss the project.

2. FMAC requests to have Gino come to the next FMAC meeting to discuss pumps in the confluence (*See attached TG Mam Pumps*)

3. FMAC endorses the Village Manager and staff (*please see attached email-Stream gauges*)

a. To develop a request for proposal (RFP) for stream gauges and cameras

b. Send this RFP to FMAC for review

c. Get quotes

d. Send quotes to FMAC for comment

e. We also agreed that the cameras currently in the Village's possession be returned ASAP and that company should refund all funds.

4. FMAC endorses the BOT to include Tony's "Simple Plan" in any study of the Village of Mamaroneck or Westchester County Flood/Water shed study. (*Please see attached- TG Vom Simple Plan*)

5. FMAC recommends that the BOT urges the County to create a new version of LISWIC so that flooding can be looked at from a watershed approach.

6. FMAC endorses Bernie's Dyke plan for the Saxon Woods reservoir to be part of any study of options for the VOM Dam & reservoir (*Please see attached email-Dam proposal*)

7. Dredging

a. FMAC request additional information on river maintenance, channel deepening including are we trying to get additional permitting to dredge more, when can we dredge more and the constraints and restrictions on dredging. We had discussed specifically asking the VM why the permit which we understood would be for 10 years was reduced to only 5 years. Further when

can we begin to dredge again as the VM said we were "Capped" for an unspecified time. Please clarify

- b. FMAC endorses having a yearly budget item for river maintenance including removing river obstructions & invasive species. We also said that we wanted there be a line item in the budget for yearly dredging projects in different areas of the river every year to remove siltation 'mountains' which have not been addressed for decades.
8. FMAC agreed to request that Assistant Village Manager Sarnoff attend all FMAC meetings- attending virtually would be fine for us.
  9. FMAC requests that the BOT sets up regular scheduled (every 2 months or quarterly) work sessions with FMAC to expediate these and other flood mitigation-related issues. These meetings should start as soon as possible,
  10. "The Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee of the Village of Mamaroneck requests the Village of Mamaroneck (VOM) asks the Town of Mamaroneck (TOM) to inform the VOM when the TOM plans to release water from the Sheldrake Dam."