

## **MINUTES**

March 22,2018 Flood Advisory Board  
25 Lenox Avenue  
Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442

**CALL TO ORDER** "In conformance with the Open Public Meetings Law, P.L., Ch 231, adequate notice of this meeting setting forth the time, date, place and purpose of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building and mailed to the Suburban Trends. The Flood Advisor binder was at the meet to meet CRS requirements."

## **SALUTE THE FLAG/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ROLL CALL** Lauren Venin, Chairperson  
Steve Flormann, Co-Chairman  
Pat Lenoy, Recording Secretary (excused)  
Beth Schall, Recording Secretary  
Julie Doncoes  
Josie Brown  
Joe Christiano  
Steve Grayberg  
Maria Kent (excused)

Also in attendance:Al Evangelista, OEM Manager and Ed Merrill, Environmental Officer and Frank Jaconetta, Councilman.

**MINUTES** A minor correction was made to the February minutes and the minutes were approved as corrected.

**OEM PRESENTATION** Due to inclement weather, the OEM Presentation is moved to March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Lauren mentioned that her portion of the presentation may include a summary of the riverwork completed by Pompton Lakes, Pequannock, and Riverdale through the use of federal, state and local funds and an information session on how to read NOAA's online river gauges.

**RIVER HAZARD ASSESSMENT** Kevin and Ed are keeping an ongoing list of obstructions in the rivers. Reported downed trees are added to the list. Lauren will reach out directly to OEM's drone operator, Tom Kiritsis ([kiritsis@optonline.net](mailto:kiritsis@optonline.net)). Dresdner Robin Survey department offered some assistance on strategizing drone use. Geo-referenced photos can be brought in to the GIS system we are using. The plan is to start with the upper Wanaque and upper Pequannock rivers and see how it goes. We will hold off on the FAB walking of the rivers until after we start with the drone. Steve F. will add reach information to the GIS map. Ed (PLEO) will supply reaches. Lauren will provide Steve F. with the inspection form from Nick Agnoli.

**DEP and FLOOD MAPS** The flood maps are still in review at the DEP. Permit applications are coming in to Pompton Lakes Building departments for homes in the South End in the expanded floodway. The Building Department cannot grant permits that violate floodway regulations. Ed (PLEO) and the Construction office are attempting to work with residents where possible.

**GAUGE REPLACEMENT** The fixed gauges are still waiting on the surveyor to set benchmark and to field locate the gauges. The Borough may be pursuing a grant to install electronic gauges.

Management consultant, Daniel Flynn, has provided shape files to the SWM committee. Steve F. will pass along the GIS data, including the mapped outfalls, to the Lake Restoration Committee.

Damaged outfalls that need repair include:

- The outfall north of Stiles (had some work done but may need additional work).
- The Wanaque River by the Van Ness Bridge, near the sheet pile along Riverdale Road. Significant work is needed on the headwall.

We will most likely need a separate permit so the board will ask Councilman De Line to request that the headwall repair permitting be looked into. CRS requires inspections of outfalls which is beyond the scope of the FAB.

**RIVERWORK** The Borough has a current, open permit for the river work. However, trout season restrictions go until the end of May and recent snow storms have delayed fieldwork by PLEO to identify work areas. PLEO is prioritizing the riverwork based on reports of downed trees and other obstructions.

**LAKE RESTORATION COMMITTEE** Chemours has begun laying the eco-layer in the lake. The plan is to open the lake in time for boating season. Lake Management Plan review presentation went well. Water quality testing is being performed at the outfalls using test kits. Volunteers can collect samples and mail them to the company for testing. The intention is to test all outfalls at the lake to pinpoint water quality issues. Acid Brook delta is being added as a separate testing point for the professional testing by Solitude. There will be no photo contest this year because of the lake work but the committee is looking for new ideas for a new contest after the work is completed.

**STORM WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** The Rain Barrel Workshop will take place on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am and is full to capacity at 16. The committee is encouraging people to attend and observe. SWM can obtain more barrels and will deliver to interested residents. The signs for the outdoor classroom areas at Hershfield Park will be created via the PL DPW.

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE** The meeting was cancelled due to snow. There was no motion on community garden response from the DEP.

**FLOOD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** Joe from Sen. Menendez's office called back but has not returned any subsequent calls. Josie has not been able to get a status of the Flood Insurance reform bill also known as the Sustainable, Affordable, Fair, and Efficient (SAFE) National Flood Insurance Program Reauthorization Act. Josie will check in with Asm. Rooney's office about getting the DEP moving.

**CRS COMMITTEE** A CRS audit is coming up this fall and department notifications have gone out to borough departments to prepare their information. The new DPW administrator will have to be familiarized with some of the responsibilities that fall to his department including logs of Stormwater Management system repairs and cleanings. Ed and the borough administrator will work with the DPW on a repetitive loss plan. The OEM coordinator was informed that the DPW administrator is also responsible for OEM windshield survey after an event. Al and Ed need to sit down with the DPW administrator and review CRS requirements and responsibilities. DPW Liaison, Frank Jaconetta, will follow up and assist in facilitating. Steve G. made a motion to request that Councilman Frank Jaconetta facilitate the meeting between OEM, PLEO And the DPW to review CRS and OEM responsibilities specific

to Pompton Lakes. Steve F. seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Lauren will send a draft email to Councilman Jaconetta summarizing the FAB motion for his use.

**CLIMATOLOGY** The most recent snowfall had a liquid equivalent of 1.25". February was the 8<sup>th</sup> wettest month since 2011. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter was the wettest since 2011 at 17.85". The Wanaque Reservoir is at 297' or over 91% full and was noted to have risen 20+ feet since January. The OEM coordinator recommends including the Charlottesville Reservoir along Route 23 but data is not readily available. This is a concern as it feeds into the Pequannock River.

**ADJOURNMENT** A motion to adjourn was made by Steve G. and seconded by Steve F and the motion carried. 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

**Beth Schall**