

Oakland Flood Control Commission

October 13, 2014

Attendance: Lew Levy, Chairman, Mayor Linda Schwager, Roy Bauberger, Ted O'Grady, Gina Steele, Stephen Farley, Dot O'Connor and Councilman Pat Pignatelli

1. Gina has finished work on the FCC website which is www.oaklandflood.com. At this site, flood rate information takes the viewer to the FEMA site where the state and county must be entered.
2. Providing an update on the CRS, Lew advises that he attended a community assessment visit and toured the town. He plans to attend a resolution meeting with FEMA and the DEP to address any outstanding issues. The FEMA representative is Kim Rizzo and the DEP representative is Jim Watt. Lew is now waiting for the follow-up meeting to be scheduled. Lew reports that base flood elevations have changed in the last several years. Lew provided information about base flood elevation definitions; an explanation of ratings and what Oakland has been doing to achieve the best rating. Roy explained the preparedness component. There also was discussion about the necessity of those residing in the Ramapo River Flood Plain to acquire Flood Elevation Certificates/a National Flood Insurance Program requirement.
3. The River Restoration Project is moving forward. Hopefully by July of 2015 Trout Unlimited will begin to do restoration work in the river. Pat Pignatelli expressed concern that the records, engineering, etc., be maintained within the borough. Homeowners may need to sign off to do the work on the riverbank. There is a narrative on the Oakland FCC website that shows the process of the work to be done.
4. Roy advised that there is no data on flow rates, only heights, from the Irene event because the gauges were wiped out during that storm.
5. Open to the Public – Flood area resident Andrea Lewis asked for information about purchasing flood insurance.
6. Meeting closed at 9:30 p.m.

Next FCC meeting: November 10, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.