

## May 12, 2014 – OAKLAND FLOOD COMMISSION MEETING

Lew Levy, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. He noted that the buy out of town homes is almost complete. The properties taken over will be added to the area of the soccer field. CRS is being worked on and an inspection by DEP and FEMA is still needed.

The Trout Unlimited project of the Ramapo was discussed. In addition to the \$100,000.00 grant it will be necessary to obtain additional funds. The area to be worked on will be from the Mahwah border to Rt. 287. It will probably be necessary for the town to float a bond for the project.

Chris Visconti, Council liaison spoke about getting the \$100,000. 00 for the TU river project. He suggested that the project plans should be presented to the entire Council and Mayor at a meeting. He also felt that we could approach DEP for additional funds. Engineering will be necessary before work can be done. The project is going to be a revitalization of the Ramapo. It is not a flood project although the project could help with some of the flooding issues.

Dot O'Connor brought up the condition of some of the homes in the project area that are not being taken care of and are in disrepair. This problem can be brought to the attention of the zoning office and summonses can be issued. There is an Ordinance concerning maintenance of property.

There have been meetings recently of the Army Corps/Federal/State agencies about possible fixes for the flood zones throughout the state. Many are the same ones as previously proposed: levees, dikes, flood tunnel, elevation and the cost benefit ratio.

Tony Smid reported for Roy Bauberger who could not be present that the OEM recently did a cleanup of Allerman Brook. A limited number of people participated and David Potash brought

equipment to help with the cleanup. There is still work to be done on the area.

Gina Steele said that the mailer has been sent to all town residents.

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The matter of Flood Insurance was discussed with the increases that can be expected especially those with severe repetitive loss. Houses in the flood areas need to be elevated. There are funds for elevation but they come with restrictions that work is done before funds are available.

Lew Levy presented information about a study of flood areas in Little Falls that

Nick Agnoli has been involved with and a study that was done. The town would have a program where the home owners would have to get a loan from other sources and then apply for special assessment from the town. The money would pay off their loan and the home owner would then pay back the town over a period of time. This is in a concept period presently.

The matter of Project Area and the need for a fund for maintenance of the area was discussed. This is something that was supposed to be in place at the conclusion of the project. He also noted the condition of Potash Lake and the weir.

Bill Wolford who was present at the meeting spoke about the retention basins in town and particularly those at the Ramapo River Reserve.

Also discussed at the meeting was the recent reversal by the DEP regarding the

Bi County property off Long Hill Road. There had been approval of building on the site dating back to 1992. There were many restrictions attached to the approval.

Respectfully,

Lois A. Smid, secretary

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Chairman Lew Levy, Tony Smid, Steve Farley, Dot O'Connor, Gina Steele, Council

Liaison Chris Visconti.

Excused absence: Mayor Linda Schwager, Ted OGrady, Roy Bauberger

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Wolford