

September 9, 2013 – Oakland Flood Commission

The meeting started at 7:35 p.m. There was a discussion concerning absences at our meetings. Tony Papasso has missed at least 5 meetings this year. A letter will be written and Lew said he will contact him. The members were in favor of this.

Lew said that he met with Nick Agnoli on 9/6 and there is another meeting scheduled for the beginning of October.

The web site is coming along and links will be added as we progress with it. Gina Steele has a bill for the program she purchased and we will try to get it paid by the Borough. Any purchases made must go through the Borough first and the proper form completed prior to any purchase.

There was a general discussion as to where we are with CRS and obtaining the necessary information. In order to raise homes a flood elevation certificate is necessary. Two houses on Doty Road have already been elevated. New maps of the Ramapo River elevations are not yet available. The flood way probably will be moved to the channel. The Commission will be working on outreach program and projects and there are a number of things already in place such as reverse calls, flood signs, gauges (10), providing FEMA materials to the library and making information available at Borough Hall. Also discussed was open space property in the flood plain and buy outs of other properties affected by flooding. There was discussion about the new park, restricting building on the site. Lew does not believe that we will receive credit for the flood project that is already completed but that will be looked into. Also discussed were the opening and closing the gates on Crystal Lake and RML. At this point we do not know if a repair has been done on the gates so that can be opened and closed. We will need to prepare an emergency action plan and this would have to be on file with the

borough and with Dan Hagberg who is the Flood Plan Manager. The work on the river is something should be done and the program presented by the Trout Unlimited Group was well received by the Mayor and Council. If we can get the grant money together for this project it will improve the health of the river but may also help with flooding issues. There is a grant writing firm (Millemium) who might be contacted for help with obtaining monies for some of our projects.

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Roy Bauberger said that he is working and cataloging trees along the river. There is a tree off the Doty Road bridge that is already in the river held back only by the roots on shore. Tony Smid will check through Tree Commission about some of the trees and this one in particular. Roy will also contact the Mosquito Commission for their help again. There is a Logistic Course he will attend and a CERT drill is planned at the Academy. He will be working on Sheltering procedures and there will be an OEM meeting held in October.

The meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lois Smid, Secretary

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Lew Levy, Tony Smid, Dot O'Connor, Ted O'Grady, Gina Steel, Steve Farley, Roy Bauberger, and Mayor Linda Schwager.

ABSENT: Tony Papasso

