

November 10, 2014 – Oakland Flood Commission minutes

Lew Levy, Chairman opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. He reported on the Ramapo River Restoration Project. The projected times for starting is July of 2015. Boswell Engineering has put Lew in touch with a contractor working in Franklin Lakes that possibly will be able to supply us with boulders for our Project. The present time frame is approximately 5-6 weeks with actual work time of 3 weeks for 2.75 miles of river. NJ DEP may be approached for funds.

It was suggested that we contact students at Ramapo and William Paterson who might be interested in documenting the project. It was also suggested that we could approach Brian Corwin of Trout Unlimited to make a presentation of the project to the Rotary.

The other topic of discussion was our CRS program and the scheduled meeting with FEMA is on January 6, 2015. Our application is complete and will be presented at this meeting.

Also discussed at our meeting was the matter of Elevation Certificates. Base flood elevations will be changing once the new numbers are approved. This will mean that the present Elevation Certificates will need to be changed. River Elevation Certificates will need to be on file with the town. Any type of construction to be done in the flood plain will be required to have an Elevation Certificate that is up to date. We may be able to help our residents by consulting with an Engineering firm that will work with a group rather than just an individual at a time. It was also noted that private insurance companies will be writing flood insurance policies.

The meeting closed at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully, Lois Smid, secretary

PRESENT AT THE MEETING: Lew Levy, Dot O'Connor, Ted O'Grady, Steve Farley, Gina Steele, Mayor Linda Schwager, Council Liaison Chris Visconti,
Also present: Councilman Pat Pignatelli, Bill Wolford

