

February 8, 2016 – Oakland Flood Commission Meeting

Lew Levy opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The first item he noted was our CRS and at present our BEGS rating is at 5. With additional work on some items we hope that we reach 6. We still need to have a meeting with FEMA and a date is to be set. We will be in contact with Peter Foley and possibly make a video that will explain home raising and financing the work. Little Falls did something of this sort to reach home owners and it was helpful.

Roy Bauberger said that 2 flood signs are in place, also a stick gauge has been put in place. A phone message can be left on the Borough Hall number and it will go into email.

The River Restoration was discussed. It is possible that a mussel study may be required and this will be at additional cost. No decision on this has been made. We are still hopeful that we will be able to partner with Trout Unlimited. There is a new person in charge of Trout Unlimited.

There was a discussion on the cost of flood insurance. Once our CRS is complete it should help with the rising cost of insurance.

Lew asked the members present to put together some suggestions and ideas for him to include in the yearly report to the Mayor and Council and bring them to the next meeting.

Respectfully,

Lois Smid, secretary

PRESENT at the meeting: Lew Levy, Dot O'Connor, Steve Farley, Tony Smid, Gina Steele, Roy Bauberger. ALSO present: Bill Wolford
Absent: Ted O'Grady, vacation; Chris Visconti, business; and Mayor Schwager, Another obligation.