

March 9, 2015 - Oakland Flood Commission Meeting

Chairman Lew Levy started the meeting at 7:30 p.m. There was a discussion about the different types of venting for houses that were raised and the types that are post FIRM compliant. Dot O'Connor's house which is in the flood plain was discussed. The flood elevation level has been lowered but this could change and will not become final until 2016.

The meeting with FEMA and DEP did take place on January 6, 2015 and there are five properties that will be looked into prior to CRS becoming final. Nick Agnoli will be getting in touch with Dan Hagberg on a number of items that were discussed at the meeting. Our CRS application is still being worked on.

Boswell Engineering has completed the survey for the River Restoration project. It was noted that Brian Cowden has retired from Trout Unlimited but he can be reached for advice as the project progresses. Right now nothing can be done as it is trout stocking time.

The boulders that had been in Franklin Lakes were sold, so no longer available for the River Restoration project. Other sources will be looked at when the project actually is started. Roy Bauberger said he will contact contractors and let them know what we are looking for. Roy said that the reverse telephone calls are being worked on and the town will also be going onto Social Media communications shortly. The town systems are being upgraded at this time. He also said that a Spring cleanup is planned through the OEM. The need for this cleanup is along Skyline Drive and will be looking for police help on this project. The close out on Irene/Sandy monies is almost complete.

Dot O'Connor spoke about the property at the end of Hemlock and the number of vehicles and all sorts of equipment being stored all over the area. There is still lots of mulch in the area should be hit by any sort of river flooding.

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The next meeting of the Commission will be on Monday, April 13, 2015.

Respectfully,

Lois Smid, secretary

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Chairman Lew Levy, Ted O'Grady, Dot O'Connor, Tony Smid, Steve Farley, Gina Steele, Roy Bauberger, and Council Liaison Chris Visconti.

Mayor Schwager was absent.

Also present: Councilman Pat Pignatelli