

Minutes of the Flood and Erosion Control Board Regular Meeting
Monday September 11, 2023
6: p.m. Board of Education
With Zoom Access

Members Present: Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano
Council Member Jacqueline Olsen
Council Member Erik Rosengren
Council Member Sebastian Panioto

Staff Present: Raymond A. Rogozinski, Director of Public Works
Nancy Levesque, City Engineer
William Stango, Civil Engineer
Anthony Lorenzetti, Temporary Civil Engineer

Mayor Caggiano called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There was a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for recognition of the Anniversary of September 11.

1. Flood and Erosion Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: made by Council Member Olsen and seconded by Council Member Panioto to accept as presented and place on file. Motion passed.

2. Review/Update of City-Wide Flooding 2023

The Director of Public Works reviewed the DPW Flooding Memo and the City of Bristol ordinance. He gave a review of the types of storms we get in our area. There was a review of the biggest areas of concern which included George Street, Park Street as well as Divinity Street. There were numerous driveways where the water went above the apron which caused flooding to garages and a few basements. There were issues with Middle Street/King as well as Burlington Ave, which are state roads, and Public Works has been in touch with the state regarding those areas.

The Director also stated that the Inland Wetland Officer walks the areas in Bristol that have wetlands during the year for review of the area.

The Council Members asked questions regarding various streets and also stated the many residents were pleased with the response from the Public Works Department during the storms.

3. Review/Update FEMA Proposed Revisions to City Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS)- Dated June 29.

The Director explained the new FEMA mapping and City Flood Insurance Rate Maps. New aerial photographs and topography were done to determine water surface elevation. FEMA also added new zones to the mapping. Specifically, the new A zones. This means that there may be properties that were in a flood zone and now may not be, as well as those that were not in a flood zone may now be. There is an appeal process to the new mapping, where the resident would have to hire an engineer and provide proof that the area was designated incorrectly. As the maps get more accurate, it will be more difficult to appeal the zone your property was placed in.

Tony Lorenzetti gave a power point presentation of the history of FEMA mapping and viewed maps showing some of the changes made by the updated mapping. These maps will be available if anyone wants them.

Council Members asked if notification letters will be sent to residents if their flood zone was changed and the director replied that once confirmation from FEMA that all mapping changes have been completed. This should be sometime in October or November.

4. CT DEEP – Climate Resilience Fund Grant Award

The city has received a Climate Resilience Grant for \$250,000.00 from CT DEEP to assist residents to become more resilient to flooding. An engineering analysis will be done of the Pequabuck River and Coppermine Brook to determine an engineering solution for flooding. It will also be used to provide community outreach to residents advising them of insurance requirements, floodplain limits and what is typically covered by flood insurance.

5. Adjournment

Motion: made by Council Member Olsen and seconded by Council Member Rosengren to adjourn at 7:00. Motion passed.

6. Signature

Raymond A. Rogozinski, P.E.
Director of Public Works