

## MINUTES

September 26, 2019 Flood Advisory Board  
25 Lenox Avenue  
Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442

**CALL TO ORDER** "In conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting of the Flood Advisory Board has been posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building and notification made to the Suburban Trends."

### SALUTE THE FLAG/ MOMENT OF SILENCE

#### ROLL CALL

Lauren Venin, Chairwoman  
Steve Flormann, Co-Chairman  
Pat Lenoy, Corresponding Secretary  
Cristiane Jennings, Recording Secretary  
Julie Doncoes  
Josie Brown  
Katie Cole  
Al Evangelista, OEM Representative

**WELCOME/ INTRODUCTIONS** No food or drink in Council Chambers

**MINUTES** Katie Cole made a motion to accept the August minutes, seconded by Pat Lenoy. Steve Flormann abstained.

**MOTION TO OPEN/CLOSE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS** Steve Flormann made a motion to open for public comments, seconded by Katie Cole.

**PPI (Program for Public Information) MEETING** PPI meeting was held September 16, 2019. Discussed at the meeting pertaining to us included promises of services that we need to make sure we follow through on to continue our high CRS rating. One of those was the Hey Kids flyer, which recently has been distributed at the schools and will also be included in an email blast. Secondly, a public information session needs to be scheduled with Nick Agnoli. We think that there are still many Pompton residents that could benefit from a flood insurance seminar. Discussion followed about coordinating with the annual OEM seminar being held early spring of 2020 but will need to clarify if we will get same amount of credit if it's held the same day as another seminar. In addition, Katie Cole strongly suggested that Nick Agnoli informs our residents at this seminar that we are one of the top-rated towns in the country. Our residents should know that. Thirdly, we are to facilitate a general insurance information flyer to be included in the town newsletter. Will contact Liz Brandness to help organize.

**PASSAIC COUNTY MITIGATION PLANS** List of projects listed below were discussed to include in mitigation plans due for submission.

#### Passaic County Hazard Mitigation Plan

- Ringwood Ave / Spring Pond drainage projects
  - o Confirm if further work is needed
- Various Storm Sewer Repairs and Improvements
  - o Riverdale Road at Van Ness drainage issue
  - o Dawes Highway drainage problem - block between Olive and Woodlawn
  - o Lincoln Ave north of Hamburg - up to Romaine Ave
  - o Magnolia Ave and Lincoln Ave
- Public Education and outreach regarding compost and yard waste along riverbank

- Delineation of Property Lines along Wanaque River
- On-going desilting and de-snagging of rivers
- Native Planting Restoration / Habitat Restoration and Invasive Species Inventory and Removals
- Drone Survey of River Obstructions
- Climate Data Analysis
- Replacement of Dawes Highway Bridge

Dawes Highway bridge appears to be in desperate need of repair. Will need to get Pompton council, Wayne council and Passaic County involved to help push for a replacement study/planning . It's an impediment to the flow of water and pedestrian safety is a concern as well. In addition, there has been more traffic due to the new traffic light on Hamburg Tpk. If historic classification is one of the reasons for not updating the bridge, we can suggest following NJ Historic Preservation Office procedures by taking pictures and creating a plaque to commemorate the bridge. Storm drain issues are also still a concern. Al Evangelista has forwarded the concerns to our grant writer to see if there is any money available to help us out. He also advised that OEM has sent DEP application for temporary debris.

**ELEVATION CERTIFICATE FAQ** Steve Flormann created a handout with frequently asked questions about elevation certificates. Will forward to borough for inclusion on website and on the next newsletter.

**GARDEN ROAD WATER PROBLEM** In progress.

**USGS GAUGE REQUEST** Al Evangelista had some good news. Hydrologist at USGS was very receptive to adding another gauge. However, funding will be a problem. He wasn't sure if one was needed south of Wanaque and Pequannock. Prefers to attach them to solid surfaces like a bridge. Suggestions were to attach it to remaining portions of a former footbridge abutment or old foundation on the Pequannock River. Al will get estimated costs and add to the Mitigation Project list.

**DRONE REINSPECTION** Flight inspection of the Pequannock River is scheduled for end of October or early November when the leaves have fallen. Need to show completed inspections for this year for our CRS report and credits.

**NEW EMAIL AND DATA STORAGE** No updates.

**DEP REGARDING MAPS AND FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT** There has been no further update, but it was noted that Joe Skupien (a consultant engineer) has been working with neighboring municipalities to provide an alternate method for delineating floodways. The Board was advised that Joe Skupien met with Vince Mazzei of NJDEP and the alternate method was agreed upon. The board is not sure if a proposal/contract has been submitted to continue work with Joe Skupien and there's no guarantee that FEMA will agree with his approach. However, if DEP does, it would help to pull back the floodway, allowing residents in the floodway to make improvements to their properties, like adding a shed, under State and Borough regulations. Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill attended National Night Out and encouraged us to reach out to her office to discuss flooding issues further. Lauren spoke to Jill, one of her aides that night, who was very receptive in wanting to help with our flooding issues. Lauren stated that it's always good to have active contacts at the Congresswoman's office and will reach out to them by email and copy Erik DeLine.

**RUTGERS MASTER PLAN** Plan results have been received. It is everything we had imagined and with even more detail than expected. Areas are laid out; invasive species are mentioned and other detailed information. Maximum and minimum costs are provided. How long, what and cost are provided. Steve Flormann will create a summary of the plan to be presented to the board and council. Will schedule summary presentation before an upcoming council meeting at 7pm.

**POMPTON DAM MEETING** Al Evangelista advised that downstream mayors have asked for a meeting about re-designing the Pompton Dam. He will be attending the meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> to voice his concern over changing what has been working. The flooding these towns are experiencing is flash flooding, not substantial, widespread river flooding. There are other ways to alleviate the flooding and it isn't going to be resolved by re-designing the dam. It was noted that Wayne has started river work with surveys and Pequannock has used elevation to solve flooding because they didn't want to do the buyouts.

**COMMITTEES:**

**LAKE RESTORATION COMMITTEE** Pompton Day attracted a lot of people. Many showed interest in a calendar made up of all the submitted pictures. Reminder, River Clean Up is this Sunday, September 29th, 11am-1pm starting at Hershfield Park.

**STORM WATER MANAGEMENT** Rain barrel event was not scheduled for this fall. Will schedule for early April. Lauren Venin commented "April Showers Bring Rain Barrels" could be the title of the event.

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE** Willow Field complex is on hold. There are some problems with land use and blue acres. Lakeside waterfront project wish list is being reviewed by Mayor and council. Trail Maintenance has been a challenge due to the weather this summer. On Saturday, November 2nd, 3,000 daffodils will be distributed and planted on 14 different sites throughout Pompton Lakes, including the schools, Hershfield Park, Fire Department, library and other locations. Pickup is 10am and to be completed by 4pm.

**FLOOD LEGISLATION COMMITTEE** Josie reported that the extension deadline will be Monday, September 30, 2019 and it doesn't look like there is a new bill. Supposedly there is something in the works for a five-year extension, but nothing definite. The expiring HR3167 bill had a lot of politicians behind it. It proposed allowing monthly installment payments on flood insurance, streamlining it and removing administrative needs, availability of claim data and closing loopholes to allow legitimate claims.

**CRS COMMITTEE** Nothing new. PPI meeting was September 16, 2019.

**CLIMATOLOGY** No updates.

**ADJOURNMENT** Steve made a motion to adjourn and Lauren seconded the motion. 8:53pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cristiane Jennings