MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
November 1, 2022
5:00 PM
Waterford Town Hall (Appleby Room)

Members Present: First Selectman Robert Brule and Selectwoman Elizabeth Sabilia, Selectwoman Jody Nazarchyk

(Procedural Action: Check register to be signed by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with CGS 7-83)

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call-** First Selectman Brule called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Public Comment:**
   Resident-Susan Perry Luxton Flood & Erosion Control Board Report for Niantic River Road Concerns (report attached)

   Resident-Helen Kwasniewski concerns with agenda items requesting additional appropriations and stated combining YFS, SS and R&P would be beneficial for the community

   Sandra Ribeiro Flood & Erosion Control Board Report concerns with Vegetation under and alongside Niantic River Road

4. **Disposition of Town Property (Ordinance, Chapter 2.112.020):**

   4a. To Consider and act on a recommendation from Rawle Dummett, Purchasing Agent, on behalf of Recreation & Parks for surplus disposal of the assets below:

   - Asset ID: 100517-2009 Ford Escape

MOTION by Nazarchyk, and seconded by Sabilia, VOTING IN FAVOR: unanimous VOTE:3-0

5. **Finance Department Cooperative Purchasing- Police Vehicles:** To consider and act on a recommendation from Rawle Dummett, Purchasing Agent on

behalf of the Police Department to approve the Purchase of two (2) 2023 Chevy Tahoes from Sullivan's Northwest Hills Chevy, in the total amount of $81,631.20, per state contracts. Funds would be available in line item 24207-54070 Vehicle Replacement.

MOTION by Nazarchyk, and seconded by Sabilia, VOTING IN FAVOR: unanimous VOTE:3-0

6. **Finance Department Cooperative Purchasing- Trenchless Pipeline Rehabilitation Services:** To consider and act on a recommendation from Rawle Dummett, Purchasing Agent on behalf of the Utility Commission to award the contract for the supply of the Trenchless Pipeline Rehabilitation Services to Vortex Services LLC, not to exceed $100,000. Funds would be available in line item 20531-57685. I and I Mitigation and Control.

7. **Finance Department Bid Waiver-Utility Billing Software System:** To consider and act on a recommendation from Rawle Dummett, Purchasing Agent on behalf of the Utility Commission to award the contract for new billing software to inHance, not to exceed $130,000. Funds would be available in line item 33123-55906 WUC Billing Software.

MOTION by Nazarchyk, and seconded by Sabilia, VOTING IN FAVOR: unanimous VOTE:3-0

8. **First Selectman's Office:** To consider and act on a proposal to extend the lease on the cell tower land located at the Miner Lane former landfill for an additional 50 years from date of execution of an amended lease, for a one time prepayment of $685,000, subject to review by the Town Attorney, and authorize the First Selectman to sign the final terms of the extended lease, with American Tower Asset Sub II, LLC.

MOTION by Nazarchyk, and seconded by Sabilia, VOTING IN FAVOR: unanimous VOTE:3-0

9. **Public Works:** To consider and act on a request for an additional appropriation from Gary Schneider, Public Works Director in the amount of $32,350 for Elevator reconditioning line item 20511-57874, due to prevailing wage and fringe benefits, if approved, to forward to the Board of Finance.

MOTION to amend agenda item 9 by Nazarchyk, and seconded by Sabilia, VOTING IN FAVOR: unanimous VOTE:3-0

Agenda item 9 amended as follows, Public Works: To consider and act on a request for an additional appropriation from Gary Schneider, Public Works Director in the amount of $32,350 for Elevator reconditioning line item 20511-57874, due to prevailing wage, if approved, to forward to the Board of Finance.

MOTION by Nazarchyk, and seconded by Sabilia, VOTING IN FAVOR: unanimous VOTE:3-0

10.Public Works: To consider and act on a request for an additional appropriation from Gary Schneider, Public Works Director in the amount of $1,762,736 for additional paving structural improvements and repairs to Niantic River Road, Oil Mill Road, Shore Road, and New Shore Road, if approved, to forward to the Board of Finance.

MOTION by Nazarchyk, and seconded by Sabilia, VOTING IN FAVOR: unanimous VOTE:3-0

11. Public Works: To consider and act on a request for an appropriation from Gary Schneider, Public Works Director in the amount of $35,000 to be moved from designated to appropriated from Capital and Non-recurring to line item 20530-57868-Bridge Engineering Plan, if approved, to forward to the Board of Finance.

MOTION by Nazarchyk, and seconded by Sabilia, VOTING IN FAVOR: unanimous VOTE:3-0

12. Public Works: To consider and act on a request for an appropriation from Gary Schneider, Public Works Director in the amount of $35,000 to be moved from designated to appropriated from Capital and Non-recurring to line item 20530-57867-Niantic River Road Sidewalk Plan. if approved, to forward to the Board of Finance.

MOTION by Nazarchyk, and seconded by Sabilia, VOTING IN FAVOR: unanimous VOTE:3-0

13.Public Works: To consider and act on a request from Gary Schneider, Public Works Director to merge line item 31121-55852 ($25,000) to a new CNR line number for the Town Hall bathrooms, if approved, to forward to the Board of Finance.

MOTION to amend agenda item 9 by Nazarchyk, and seconded by Sabilia, VOTING IN FAVOR: unanimous VOTE:3-0

Agenda item 13 amended as follows, Public Works: To consider and act on a request from Gary Schneider, Public Works Director to transfer line item 31121-55852 ($25,000) to a new CNR line number for the Town Hall bathrooms, if approved, to forward to the Board of Finance.

MOTION by Nazarchyk, and seconded by Sabilia, VOTING IN FAVOR: unanimous VOTE:3-0

14. **Public Works:** To consider and act on a request for an additional appropriation from Gary Schneider, Public Works Director in the amount of $217,100 for construction costs to repair the Town Hall Bathrooms and to request funds go to a new CNR line number, if approved, to forward to the Board of Finance.

MOTION by Nazarchyk, and seconded by Brule, VOTING IN FAVOR: VOTE:2-1 (Sabilia)

15. **Finance Department:** To consider and act on the following request for an Inter-Department Out of Series Transfer from the Finance Director, Kim Allen, in the amount of $128,457 for FY22, if approved, to forward to the Board of Finance.

MOTION by Nazarchyk, and seconded by Sabilia, VOTING IN FAVOR: unanimous VOTE:3-0

16. **Fire Services:** To consider and act on the following request for an In Series Transfer from the Fire Services Director, Michael Howley in the amount of $4,000 for two SCBA compressors.

MOTION by Nazarchyk, and seconded by Sabilia, VOTING IN FAVOR: unanimous VOTE:3-0

17. **Finance Department:** To consider and act on the following request for an Out of Series Transfer from the Finance Director, Kim Allen, in the amount of $2,481 to line item 10108-52540 Legal Department-Probate Court, if approved, to forward to the Board of Finance.

MOTION by Nazarchyk, and seconded by Sabilia, VOTING IN FAVOR: unanimous VOTE:3-0

18. **Finance Department:** To consider and act on the following request for an Out of Series Transfer from the Finance Director, Kim Allen, in the amount of $48,000 for the Assessor's office professional fees if approved to forward to the Board of Finance.

MOTION by 'Nazarchyk, and seconded by Sabilia, VOTING IN FAVOR: unanimous VOTE:3-0

19.Appointments & Resignations: N/A

20.Unfinished Business: N/A

21.New Business:

21a. Motion made by MOTION by Nazarchyk, to add Tax Refund to be approved to the agenda in the amount of $26,109.37, seconded by Brule to APPROVE, VOTING IN FAVOR: VOTE 2-1 (Sabilia Abstention)

22.Old Business:

22a. Fire Services Agreement update

22b. Interstate 95 Update

23.Correspondence:

23a. Board of Education-Letter to the Board of Finance

23b. 2023 Holidays

23C. Letter from Waterford's Historical Society in regards to achieved materials and the need for storage.

24d. Waterford Rotary Roses

24e. Veterans Ceremony on November 11th

24f. Veterans Day Lunch through Senior Services on the 9th

24.Consent Agenda:

24a. Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes September 26, 2022-Approved

24b. Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes October 4, 2022-TABLE

25.Adjournment: was made by Ms. Nazarchyk and seconded by Ms. Sabilia to adjourn at 6:34pm. VOTING IN FAVOR; unanimous, VOTE:3-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy C Dupointe

Cindy Dupointe
Recording Secretary

Waterford Flood and Erosion Control Board
Niantic River Road Erosion Report
Approved December 1, 2021

To the Waterford Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission:

On October 6, 2021, following the public comment of several concerned residents, the Flood and Erosion Control Board conducted a site walk along Niantic River Road in the vicinity of 3rd and 4th Avenues. Our members found the concerns of the residents to be justified as we documented and observed considerable erosion up to and beneath Niantic River Road. Consistent with our charge to document and report flooding and erosion issues, we wanted to advise the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission of our observations and concerns.

Attached, you will find the minutes from the site walk as well as relevant photographs showing the extent of the erosion. There exists, in some sections of this area, erosion barriers. In the areas where erosion barriers are absent, there is significant erosion of the embankment supporting Niantic River Road and evidence of erosion underneath the roadway itself. It appears that a combination of loose, sandy and rocky soil, extreme rainfall events, and recent storms have all created an increasingly hazardous situation for this section of roadway.

We strongly recommend that a professional survey of this area be completed to prevent any risk to the integrity of Niantic River Road. Possible solutions may depend on the significance of the erosion underneath the road, but will likely require the extension of the erosion barriers across this section of the embankment.

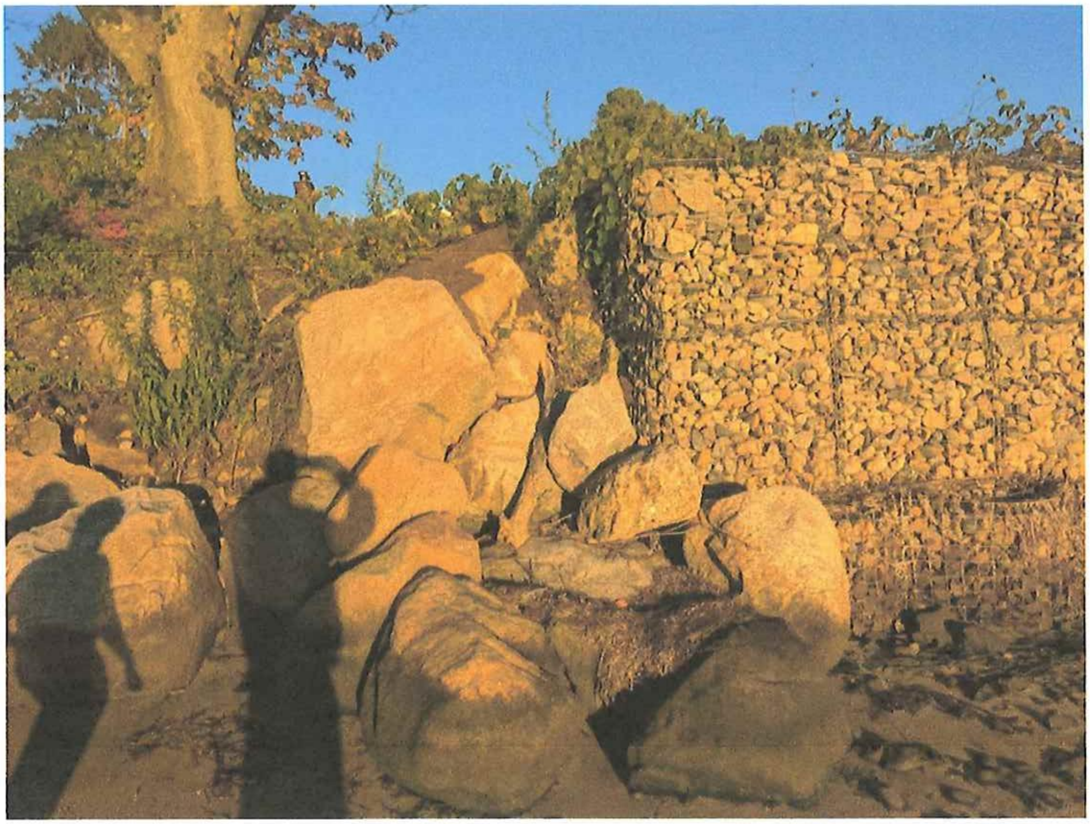
Respectfully submitted on December 1, 2021 by:
Baird Welch-Collins - Chair
Alexander Kuvalanka - Treasurer
Christopher Callahan
George Harran
Jennifer Kohl

Waterford Flood & Erosion Control Board Special Meeting Minutes for October 6, 2021

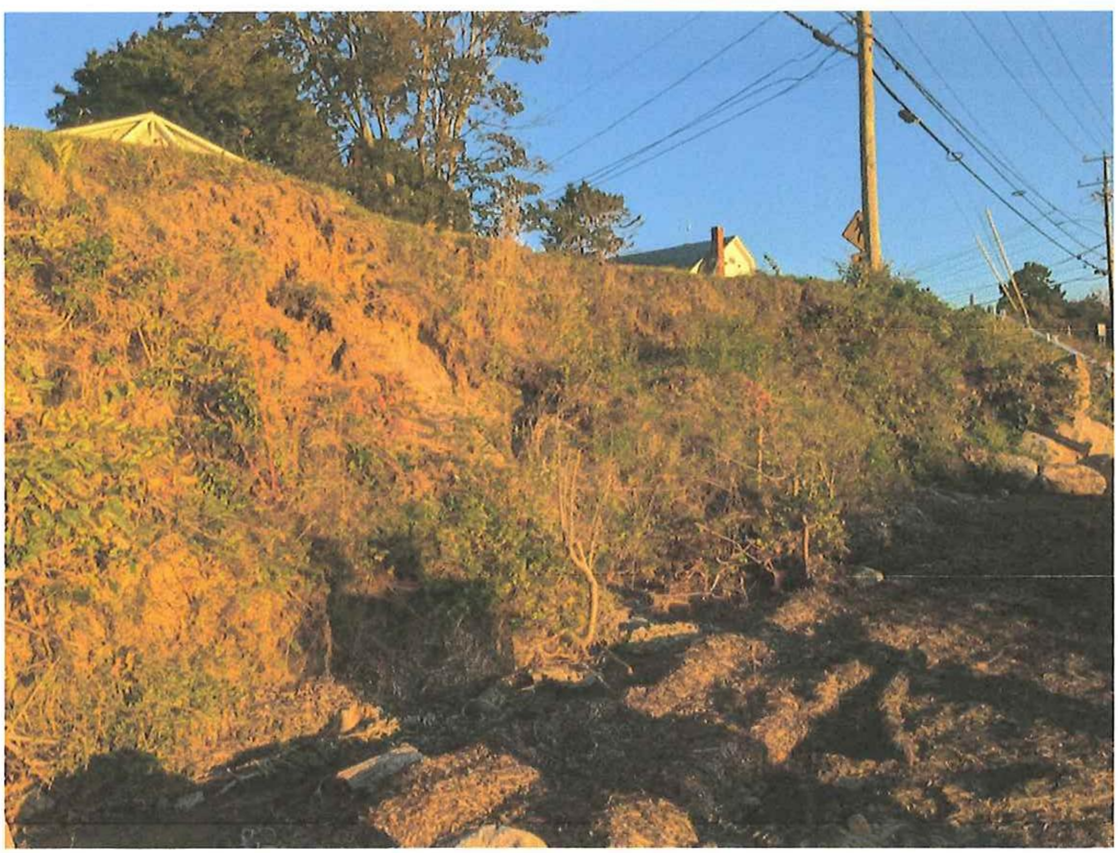
Members Present: Baird Welch-Collins, George Harran, Alex Kuvalanka, Chris Callahan
Residents Present: Susan Perry Luxton, Charlie Perry, Rich Cirillo, Patricia Couture, Richard Heller, Sandra Ribeiro, Geraldine Kuenkler, Michelle Palmieri, Chad Gentile, Jeannine Kenney, Terry Kenney

1. Special Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Baird Welch-Collins.
2. Site Walk Niantic River Road Erosion
    a. FECB members met with residents to view & discuss their concerns regarding sedimentation erosion occurring along Niantic River Road in the vicinity of 3rd & 4th avenues.
    b. The erosion taking place is due in part to the Niantic River eroding the base of the bank below Niantic River Road & at the base of 5 power poles along the road in the vicinity of 3rd & 4th avenues.
    c. The existing erosion control consists of large boulders that were placed along the beach at the base of the bank. The river flows freely in & around the boulders eroding the base of the bank. Vegetation is present on the bank however; it is not of the types that would help to absorb or stabilize any runoff.
    d. Additionally, previous strong storms have produced runoff that flows across the road & flows down the bank causing further erosion of the bases of the 5 power poles and the edge of Niantic River Road.
    e. FECB will contact Town Staff to determine the appropriate action to be taken.
3. Special Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

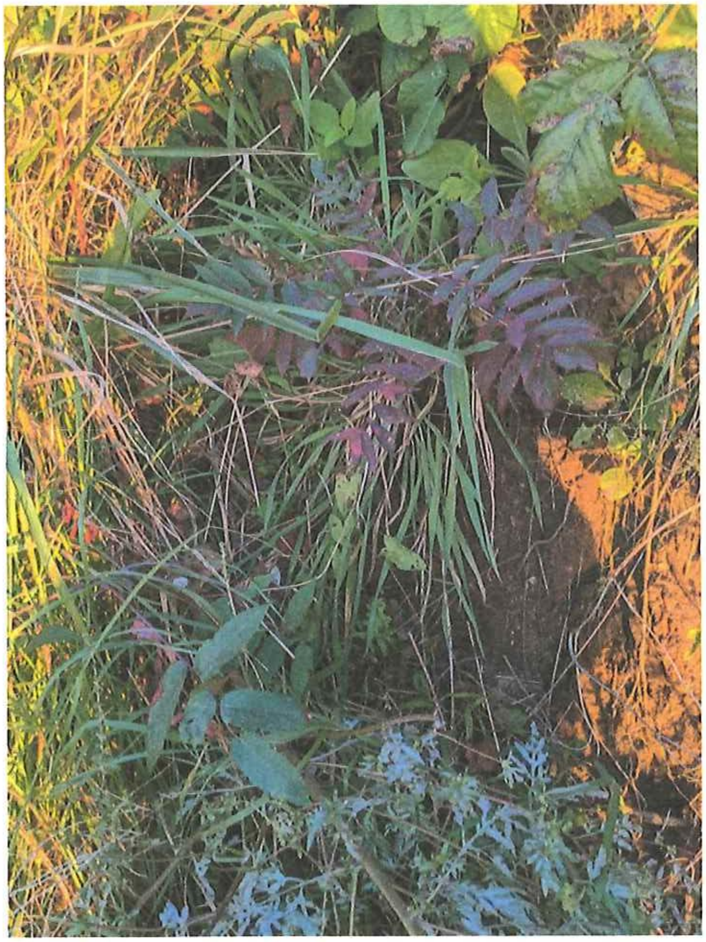
Respectively submitted by Chris Callahan



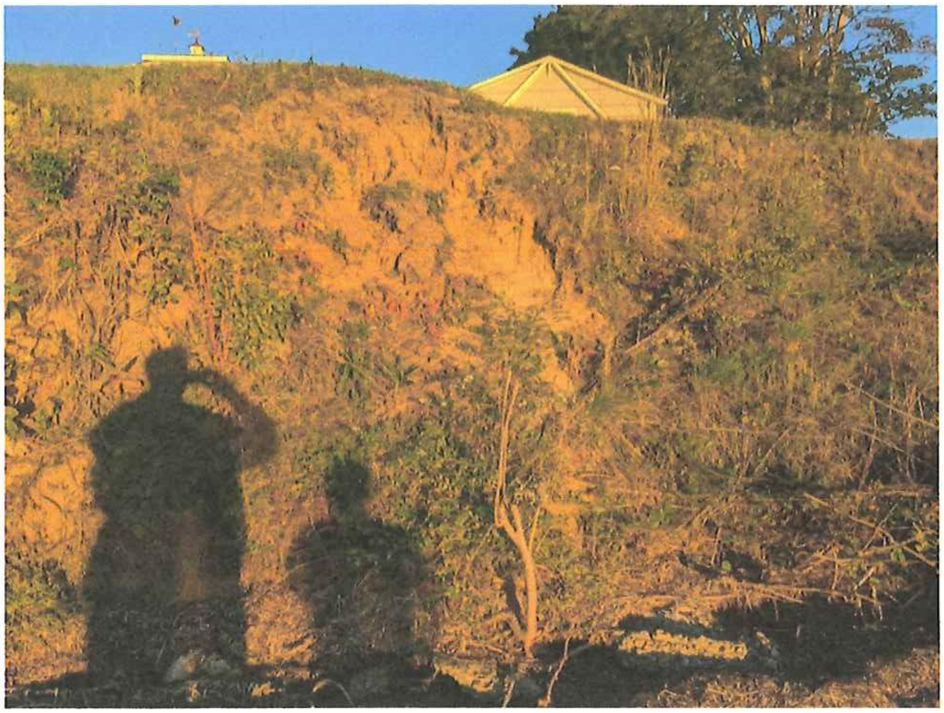
End of the erosion barrier and the beginning of the eroding bank.



Area of key concern where the erosion is nearing the roadway.



Evidence of erosion underneath the road surface.



Additional area of concern where the embankment has partially collapsed.