

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
November 3, 2021

Present:     Baird Welch-Collins  
              Chris Callahan  
              George Harran  
              Alexander Kuvalanka

Absent:       Jennifer Kohl  
              Geneva Renegar

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Welch-Collins called the Regular Meeting of November 3, 2021 to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 4, 2021 MEETING MINUTES OF THE FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD.**

**MOTION (1):**   Mr. Harran moved to approve the August 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes of the Flood and Erosion Control Board, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Kuvalanka. Mr. Welch-Collins abstained from voting. (3-0-1)  
**Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 MEETING MINUTES OF THE FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD.**

**MOTION (2):**   Mr. Kuvalanka moved to approve the September 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes of the Flood and Erosion Control Board, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Harran. (4-0) Unanimous.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** There were no guests present.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT.** Mr. Kuvalanka reported there has been no change to the budget.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. **Erosion on the west side of the Niantic River.** No resident was present to give an update on this matter, and the Chairman suggested keeping it on the next Agenda.
  - b. **Twin Lakes erosion and flooding.** No resident was present to give an update on this matter, and Mr. Welch-Collins suggested keeping it on the next Agenda.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION (3):**   Mr. Welch-Collins moved to amend the Agenda to add 2022 meeting dates for the Flood & Erosion Control Board, under New Business, item a. Seconded by Mr. Callahan. (4-0) Unanimous.

- a. **2022 Meeting Dates for the Flood and Erosion Control Board.** Mr. Welch-Collins suggested that this Board consider meeting on a different day of the month in 2022. This matter will be taken up at the next meeting of this Board.
- b. **Review of site walk along Niantic River Road and possible actions to be taken.** Mr. Harran showed images of the extent of the erosion. Mr. Welch-Collins felt this was a serious issue and should be remedied as soon as possible. He agreed to draft a report for this Commission's review at the next meeting of this Board. It will be sent to the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission and the Public Works Department. He further suggested contacting DEEP to inform them of what this Board has observed. Mr. Harran felt sooner or later it will be a sink hole. Mr. Welch-Collins added it is a hazardous situation.
- c. **Annual Report FY21 and Draft Budget for FY22.** The Board reviewed draft 2021 Annual Report and draft 2022 budget for fiscal year 2021. Mr. Welch-Collins agreed to update the Annual Report and submit it by November 18, 2021. He agreed to also submit the budget.

**7. PLANS REVIEW.** The Board reviewed Application #PL-21-12 for Waterford Woods Clubhouse at 384 and 394 Willetts Avenue Extension, and had no comments on it at this time.

#### **8. CORRESPONDENCE.**

1. Memo dated September 22, 2021 from Kimberly Allen, Finance Director requesting that all Annual Reports be on town letterhead and delivered to the Finance Office by November 18, 2021. Mr. Welch-Collins agreed to make changes to the draft Annual Report and send it to Ms. Piersall, Planning Director.
2. Letter of thanks to this Board dated October 12, 2021 from Susan and Charlie Luxton, regarding erosion of the river bank along Niantic River Road. They asked to be kept advised on what action will be taken.

**9. PAYMENT OF BILLS.** There were no bills received.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT.**

**MOTION (4): Mr. Callahan moved to adjourn the Flood & Erosion Control Board November 3, 2021 Meeting at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Harran. (4-0) Unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary**