



# **WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT**

## **FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD**

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### **MINUTES**

Flood & Erosion Control Board Special Meeting of December 8, 2021

Present for the Board: William S. Mazo (Chair)  
Philip Schemel  
Aimee Monroy-Smith  
Robert Aldrich

Present for Department of Public Works: Peter Ratkiewich, Director of Public Works  
Edward Gill, Engineer II

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William S. Mazo, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Chair opened a discussion about the future of the Flood & Erosion Control Board.

The discussion from the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting regarding a proposal to submit to the First Selectwoman was reopened. Mr. Gill asked if everyone had a chance to review the draft proposal that he had sent out, and presented a revision that was suggested by the Chair, to remove one item from the proposal regarding working to improve the CRS rating, and replacing it with the following:

To seek out and secure a portion of the new Federal Infrastructure Program for critical flood control projects in Westport.

The other Board members agreed that this would be a more important priority, and that while they do want to consider helping to improve the CRS rating in the future, securing funding for flood control projects is a more important priority.

The Board had questions regarding the timing of the process from this point, and what next steps will be taken. Mr. Gill and Mr. Ratkiewich noted that if support from the First Selectwoman is obtained, the next step would be revising the Waterway Protection Line Ordinance (WPLO), and that this would likely be a long process. Subsequently, the Board will be able to utilize their meetings to discuss specifics of pursuing the other priorities laid out in their proposal.

Mr. Ratkiewich noted that prior to taking substantial actions, it would be paramount for the Board to review a history of past Flood & Erosion Control Board actions regarding Stream Improvement Projects specifically.

The Board held a vote to approve the proposal drafted by Mr. Gill, including the revisions noted above. The vote was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

**William S. Mazo, Chair**  
Flood & Erosion Control Board

WSM/eamg

Cc: First Selectwoman, Town Attorney, Public Works Director, Planning & Zoning Director, Conservation Director, Chair of RTM Environmental Committee, Chair of RTM Public Works Committee, Applicants, [minutes@westportct.gov](mailto:minutes@westportct.gov)

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