



WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD

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Flood & Erosion Control Board Meeting of February 1, 2023

Present for the Board: William S. Mazo (Chair)
Paul Lobdell
Ron Clarke (Alternate)

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

William S. Mazo, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:35 pm.

He thanked everyone for their support, help, and comradeship, as this is his last meeting on the Board.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Gill summarized the three flooding meetings held in January, for Sasco Brook/New Creek, Dead Man's Brook, and Stony Brook/Poplar Plains Brook.

There were questions from the Board about possible solutions to the concerns raised at the meetings, including some not previously considered such as public informational meetings regarding FEMA standards for flooding and obtaining grants for FEMA lifts.

Paul Hearn spoke about his experience working with WESTCOG on FEMA FMA grants, and mentioned the meeting being held with the Town on February 22nd in Town Hall to discuss these grant opportunities for homeowners who currently take part in the NFIP and whose homes are considered "repetitive loss" properties.

Lisa Podurgiel spoke about her experiences with flooding along Dead Man's Brook and her adamant opposition to a large scale bridge or channel replacement project there. She also suggested that many owners, like her and her immediate neighbors, have been combatting flooding on a smaller scale without large projects involving the stream or FEMA lifts for houses, and the Town may be able to compile some smaller scale strategies employed successfully by homeowners and provide that information as an alternative resource for others in Westport.

The Board discussed some of the other possible solutions, including stream cleaning rather than channel improvements.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William S. Mazo, Chair
Flood & Erosion Control Board

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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

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