

EBFC Minutes - 9/30/13

Present were: Marge Miller, Todd Pascarella, Diana Cope, Paul Ohsburg, Innes Kasanof, Pat Davis, Carol O'Beirne, Susanna Finch, Don Kearney, Kent Manuel, Kristin Janke, Dean Frazier, Ric Weidenbach, Kurt Holcherr, Phil Eskeli, Bud Sife, Bill Birns, John Granito,

- RW gave those assembled the updated EWP list – permits for stream work thru the end of October have been obtained – of the projects in Middletown (10) & Halcott (4), 8 are at or near completion/awaiting final inspection and 6 are very close. IK asked about payment; Delaware County/DEP is paying the local share but in Greene Empire State Development is, which may cause a longer wait. DC mentioned that the EWP/MCS site project did not go as far as it needed to and needs to be revisited in the future.
- PD explained the flood insurance challenges ahead (100% phasing out of subsidies over a 5 year period at 20% per year) re: changes in flood mapping as new maps will come to municipalities within the next 18 month for approval. Flmnns is particular has never had detailed mapping and the expansion of homes & businesses in the flood plain overall will be an issue, as many who have not been required to have flood insurance will be. PD is anticipating our being able to get into CRS (Community Ratings System) in the May 2014 round w an ISO (Insurance Services Org.) visit/assessment this fall. We should, PD anticipates, be able to get into CRS at an 8, which gives a 10% decrease in flood insurance for all residents. MM suggested that the EBFC do what it can to help identify ways in which we can assist residents in getting into compliance – i.e. getting mechanicals out of basements and other fixes to raise first floor levels (PD explained that basements are surveyed as 1st floor if not in compliance) – County Planning has already given PD a housing/building stock list from which we can identify those most in need of assistance.
- CO'B and DC gave a brief update re: the CRZ (Community Recovery Zone); the goal is to make changes now to protect the village for future generations; they are being encouraged to bring new conceptual ideas to the table – end of October for the conceptual phase with a full plan to be in place by February or March of 2014. Major effort to do community outreach to keep residents and businesses in the loop throughout the process. Committee is comprised of businesses, chamber, churches, FD, school & residents w Dept. of State reps at each meeting as well. There is a mixer scheduled at the eCenter 10/15 as a part of the community outreach & surveys regarding the plan were available at the Cauliflower Fest.

- Todd Pascarella briefly spoke re: EWP projects in Fleischmanns' as well as the Board of Supervisors in Delhi having approved the expenditure of 500k for pedestrian bridge designs in the village, which bridges will by resolution in future belong to the village. In answer to a question from BB, TP stated that the project in question would incorporate the existing wall & stream bank structure (I believe this is Mill St.)
- KM & KJ of Del. County Planning gave a brief FEMA buyout update; 27 properties were originally in the program, now 21 w 4 in Flmnns, 8 in M'ville & 9 in Middletown. Appraisals are at 75% completion with closings possible anytime in Jan – June 2014. There are 2 home elevation applications in Middletown.
- Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Analysis (LFHMA) – this was a lengthy discussion re: CRZ and concerns about duplication. Flmnns and Middletown have rec'd grants to do this analysis. A future meeting will be set up w TP, MM, KM, RW, Delaware County Planning Dept. head Nicole Franzese, to get the ball rolling on this. DC spoke to they don't know yet where the CRZ will extend – they believe it will not include anything out of the incorporated village but it is too soon to say that for sure.

There was no public comment.

Our next meeting will be on October 28th 10a.m. in Town Hall