

## **EBFC Minutes 4/29/13**

Present were: M Miller, T Pascarella, P Ohsberg, D Cope, D Budin, H Friedman, L Reilly, P Davis, K Manuel, D Frazier, S & H Finch, K Holcherr, C O'Beirne, G Dutcher, P Eskeli, G Samuels, L Davis

The meeting was called to order at 10:05

Graydon Dutcher of Delaware County Soil & Water handed out the latest spreadsheet re: EWP/NRCS Projects in Delaware County. Mandatory site showings for projects will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May in Middletown, beginning at the Dry Brook site (notices to that effect were in this past weeks CMN, with further notice for the next 2 weeks), with showings in Walton on the 20<sup>th</sup>, and the 22<sup>nd</sup> in Tompkins. Dutcher also mentioned that there would be a contractors' training at Hanah, which training is sponsored by DEP along with Delaware County Soil & Water. Middletown will open bids for the initial round of projects on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June and award at the regular meeting in the 11<sup>th</sup>.

The public Info meeting scheduled to be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm will now be a regular meeting of the EBFC as there is a long day of public hearings on the 29<sup>th</sup> re: the Belleayre Resort. The public meeting will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June – a Monday –at 6p.m. at MCS. Miller will ask the Middletown Town Board for permission to do a mailing, on behalf of the town, targeting flood plain property owners & businesses, for this event, depending on # of properties involved.

Pascarella gave a brief overview of the CWC funded Fleischmanns' sewer extension project. Because Flmnns owns its sewer plant, and the plant has capacity, along with a desire to serve and extend service across 28, this extension was put forward. The CWC is willing to fund, although legal documents regarding that funding, which includes a gradual payback via user fees, have not yet been finalized. Miller asked about further extensions in Middletown, given that we do not own our sewer plant, and P Davis gave a brief overview of the history of the plant and sewer plants in the watershed, local in-flow problems and said we would have to wait and see for anything beyond the current extensions slated for the village of M'ville & Middletown.

Miller proposed and without objection, Todd Pascarella was made vice-chair of the Commission, as Nelson Delameter has resigned, and his resignation accepted by the Town, as the Emergency Services Officer for the Town of Middletown.

NYS announced last week that there will be \$3million in additional grant dollars for the Delaware County Towns of Middletown & Sidney. Miller had copied the basic grant application and info for the Mayors and others who would be able to disseminate throughout the community. A link re: the same has already been posted on the Middletown website. PDavis said there were about 200 structures damaged in the flood, and it's difficult to determine which were not able to get funding previously as this money is meant to address Irene damaged properties who did not get FEMA or insurance funding, or not enough to cover their damages. It was decided that Manuel would get Middletown a list of the properties in the flood plain and Miller will ask the Town Board to approve a mailing to all property owners who was not assisted after Irene.

Manual reported that there are no signed contracts with the city re: FEMA Buyouts. Further, Hazard Mitigation Plans have been submitted and the County will adopt and then the municipalities will adopt. The town & villages may need a public hearing before adopting, Manual was not certain. PDavis spoke to a desire not to double up regulations regarding zoning. Frazier said the LFHMA is still in process and that the DOH draft version of the FAD is being reviewed by NYC. Public comment is to come. The county and towns/villages can look to their Hazard Mitigation plans re: the \$3million from the state as there are a list of mitigation projects there, which can be funded this and other ways.

Eskeli said that the flood plain (initial draft) map viewing will be in Town Hall on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30p.m.

\*\*Next Meeting is May 30<sup>th</sup> 6p.m. in Town Hall

