

EBFC Minutes 5/30/13

In attendance were M Miller, I Kasanof, D Cope, T Pascarella, L Reilly, D Budin, H Freidman, S Finch, K Holcherr, K Manuel, J Rall, P Eskeli, G Samuels, L Davis, H Finch, J Granito. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00p.m.

Jessica Rall gave a brief update re: EWP/NRCS Projects in Middletown and Halcott. Site showings for projects were conducted earlier this month. Bids will be received June 7th and awarded on the 11th. Concerns were raised about staging platforms for the stream work and whether easements had been received for the same. Rall & Eskeli said they would follow-up on those concerns in terms of closing the loop on those areas. Arkville Trailer Park s at 60% design but the remainder of the work should be done quickly, and get to bid shortly.

A public informational meeting will be June 17th 6pm at MCS – both computer labs will be open for registration and assistance on grant funding. The public needs to know they can get help and to bring their paperwork re: damage and expenses occurred due to Irene that were not covered or not fully covered by FEMA and etc. Miller will invite local political figures and stakeholders to the event. Volunteers will be needed for the computer help and each municipality will have a table for handouts and etc. Manuel reported that the contract for FEMA/Irene buyouts is about 2 weeks from being signed.

A brief discussion was held regarding developable properties lists in the villages of Fleischmanns and Margaretville generated by Middletown B& Z. While many of the potential sites are not buildable, this is a piece of long-range plans due to buyouts and preservation of tax base issues. A more specific list of those properties with access to sewer and water is being looked at.

Pascarella reported on the plan to replace the St. Regis/Lake Switzerland and Bridge St. bridges with walk bridges, which, once replaced by County, will be owned by the village.

The FIRM Map meeting was held in Middletown May 15th – old FIRM maps and new maps will be made available as is possible for the June 17th meeting as the changes will potentially affect flood insurance for numerous households.

A brief discussion re: Long Term Community Recovery Strategy Grants followed. The committee of Mayors & the Supervisor are meeting again later in June to get those plans firmed up.

In public comment John Granito asked about properties on the opposite bank where NCRS work is being planned on Bridge street in Flmnns. It is more likely to be tied into eventual county/bridge work

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7p.m.

Next Meeting is June 17th 6p.m. at MCS – anyone who is helping out should be there by 4:30.