

EBFC Minutes 9/29/14

Present were: M Miller, D Cope, T Pascarella, P Davis, K Manuel, G Dutcher, D Frazier, P Eskeli, J Granito and D Kearney. The meeting was called to order at 9a.m.

Mayor Cope reported that CRZ (Community Recovery Zone) is now NY Rising; CRZ as an acronym no longer exists. The program is a CDBG-DR (Disaster Recovery) grant via monies from HUD and there are 32 page sub-recipient agreements for each project. The first of the Community Rising projects Mville generated to be done will be Bull Run, which was 3 projects but all have been merged to be addressed as one, instead of piecemeal - beginning from the slide up Bull Run Rd. to the East Branch. No time frame has been given and engineering needs to be done.

Tetrattech did, Cope reported, do a full LFA from Arkville to the trees at McIntosh Auction; it was agreed this info needs to be shared w County Soil & Water. Cost benefits re: relocations were also briefly discussed. P Davis added that a licensed surveyor or design professional must provide an elevation certificate to obtain a certificate of compliance on all flood plain development permits in order for reimbursement via the State and Federal Gov't.

Mayor Pascarella gave an update re: Fleischmanns; the tennis courts were re-opened this weekend, the village trustees approved option 'C' for the pedestrian bridge on Bridge St. (84' long) and a second pedestrian bridge at the St. Regis is tangled up in paperwork between Del Co. DPW and FEMA, due to design challenges and reimbursement issues. The Flmnns/Clovesville LFA is not complete.

Kent Manuel gave a short update on FEMA buy-out status; there are 28 properties in the program (including one that went from elevation to buy-out) in Middletown, including both villages. Appraisals are still in process (there can be 3 total, per challenges) and closings are still some time away.

Flood Hazard Mitigation Program Rules are available on the CWC website with cost-benefit and LFA studies needed for all residential or other

properties to be eligible. It was discussed that only via Town Resolution per site or per entire municipality for go-ahead is still under review. Walton is leading the way on this as a test case for the program w Breakey Ford as an anchor business relocation in that village.

The event with the Governor's Office 9/17 at MCS was a success with over 200 attending, but how to best communicate to the wider public ongoing recovery efforts remains a challenge. Also a question was raised as to whether or not the municipalities had a resolution re: the status of their participation in the EBFC, which will be researched by the Mayors and Supervisor Miller.

Our next Meeting is November 24th 10a.m. in Town Hall