**East Branch Flood Commission - 9/24/12 Minutes**

Present were: Marge Miller, Innes Kasanof, Paul Ohsburg, C. Patrick Davis, Larry Reilly, Henry Friedman, Dave Budin, Phil O’Beirne, Yuka Day, Kent Manuel, Dean Frazier, Graydon Dutcher, Ric Weidenbach, Lauren Davis, Geoff Samuels

There was a brief overview of the Community meeting/Irene remembrance 8/30 – community picnic tentatively scheduled for 8/29/2013 @ Flmnns Park, along with other out reach opportunities including this weekend’s Cauliflower Fest, Memorial Day in Flmnns 2013, another event prior to the CRS determination in June along w on-site demos (possible kick-off event meeting June 15th when work commences) where EWP Projects are being done throughout the municipalities for actual/visual impact regarding stream maintenance and etc. There is also a map steering committee meeting October 17th

Patrick Davis spoke re: the upcoming CAV visit for Middletown, scheduled for September 25th and what is entailed going forward including a community audit by ISO (Insurance) next year to enter the program in June ‘round’ w a determination of our CRS score, ten being the worst and one being the best w a single community in NYS at 7, the highest score in the state. Davis/Middletown has done most of the necessary prep work throughout the municipalities i.e. library of info in his office and in local libs, elevation certificates, Flood law in place etc., etc. Paperwork must be submitted to ISO annually and there is a re-scoring visit every 5 years after initially getting into the program. It was requested that lists of priority projects throughout the municipalities as well as the maps delineating those projects be presented at the 10/25 meeting. Dutcher said quantified list of projects re: 10, 50, 100 & 500 year flood occurrences are available w initial targeted projects on ‘to do’ current list. Innes Kasanof said a Storm Water assessment study by CWC was also useful although not as broad as the above.

Ric Weidenbach spoke to a flat protocol for scientific processes re: FEMA maps, Dutcher said everything is being looked at especially given the increased percentage of flow as per stream gauges showing a 117% increase at Dry Brook & 67% at Vly Creek. Advocacy regarding those stream gauges was mentioned having been done by Frazier, Jim Esiel as well as Paul Rush of DEP.

NIMs (Nat’l Incident Management) training was taken and completed by Miller and Ohsberg among others recently in Town Hall and is scheduled in Halcott 10/16 & 10/23 at 6p.m. for those who were unable to attend the training in Middletown. Kasanof said all are welcome. ***ALL elected officials are required to have this training*** (100 & 700 levels)

A draft of our Command Post and public info chart was reviewed and updated by municipals attendees and will be presented at future EBFC meeting for further review and changes. It was agreed that a daily meeting after any disaster event would be held at 6pm at Middletown Town Hall w Public Info Officer for Middletown in attendance for better dissemination of all info – w the caveat that not everyone may be able to get to the Town Hall.

Dean Frazier Update on Del County negotiations w NYC saying that summer did slow or delay the negotiations a bit but the components of an agreement re: DEP funds and mitigation projects in conjunction w Soil & Water’s needs re: same, details of which are still in process, is near. He also spoke on the need to extension letters to USDA re: EWP Projects extension requests, which have already been signed/delivered to USDA by Middletown.

Innes Kasanof requested we have a speaker from SEMO at our next meeting or one thereafter and will invite one to our October date.

At that meeting in October we will have updates re: how the CAV visit went from Pat Davis, as well as do a review of the Flood Maps & Prioritized Projects lists from Dutcher/Soil & Water, revisit the emergency flow-chart and have a brief overview re: SEMO if possible.

Next meeting date: October 25, Thursday, @ 6pm