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### Meeting date:

Monday, July 15, 2019

### Old Lyme Flood & Erosion Control Board

July 15, 2019

**Present:** Todd Machnik (Chairman), Steve Martino, David Roberge (ex-officio), Steven Ross, Gary Smith, Donald Willis (Vice Chairman)

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Ron Bianca and Peter Doolittle (Hawks Nest Beach Club Association)

### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Todd Machnik called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Members stood to salute the American flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting January 28, 2018

Steven Ross moved to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes of Regular Meeting January 28, 2018 as submitted. Gary Smith seconded the motion.

**SO VOTED.**

### **3. Correspondence**

#### **4. Old Business**

##### **a. Flooding in Open Space**

**(North side of I95 intersection of Whippoorwill Road west side)**

No discussion on this, but it ties in with the Old Business b.

##### **b. Upper Black Hall River Flooding**

Todd Machnik reported that he had walked the area where the Beavers are causing problems. Some of the areas where the beavers have built dams could be on private property. He has been in communication with Bonnie Reemsnyder regarding this problem. Todd met with a trapper and this is an ongoing process with an action by the Town to be determined shortly.

##### **c. Swan Brook Flooding**

Todd Machnik reported that as Todd Machnik from Machnik Bros., he had met with Bonnie Reemsnyder regarding the condition of the existing site conditions at the inlet and discharge end of the Swan Brook Drain which runs across the Hawks Nest Beach facility. Bonnie contacted Keith Neilson of Docko, and Keith inspected the property in early June and reported to Bonnie in a letter dated June 7. In this letter Keith discussed the options for repair. Todd Machnik stated that this property is not Town property, and although the Town had done some minor repairs many years ago, it was done as a courtesy. The taxpayers do not fund projects on private property. This needs to be dealt with by the two beach associations (Miami Beach and Hawk's Nest). Todd reminded the Board that late 2015 he, as the Chair of this Commission, had sent a letter to Miami Beach Association, with a copy to the WPCA, suggesting that Miami Beach consider fixing the problems with Swan Brook while their roads were disturbed for the construction of public sewage. To date they have not responded to his letter.

There was a discussion, with David Roberge confirming that the crib is deteriorating and needs attention in the near future. Ed Adanti from Public Works had told David that he would not be comfortable putting any machinery there. David agreed with Todd Machnik stating that this is private property and not the responsibility of the taxpayers. Any bandaids placed in the past by the Town were done as a courtesy.

Todd Machnik recommended that Bonnie Reemsnyder bring the two groups together in order to solve the problem. Steven Ross suggested that Bonnie might suggest to the two associations that they consider sharing on a pro rata basis of how many properties from each association border on the brook. David Roberge will report to Bonnie Reemsnyder regarding the deteriorating condition of the crib below the highwater line and to the best of the FEC Board's knowledge there is no outside funding available to repair it. The Town has been putting volunteer bandaids on it in the past, but bandaids will no longer suffice. There are four options: do nothing and allow it to fail, give the FEC Board some guidance as to where the BOS want them to go, Bonnie to reach out to the two groups asking them to build a relationship and together find a solution, lastly condemn it the next time it fails. David will report back to Todd Machnik after he hears from Bonnie on his recommendations.

Gary Smith will look for the study done by the State around 1980 to see if there were any recommendations regarding the outflow.

### **5. New Business – NONE**

## **6. Public Comment – NONE**

## **7. Adjournment**

Gary Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM, and Don Willis seconded the motion.

**SO VOTED.**

Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 5:30 PM, Town Hall, second floor meeting room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen Garbarino, Clerk

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