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Meeting date:

Monday, October 21, 2019

Old Lyme Flood & Erosion Control Board

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Present: Todd Machnik (Chairman), Steven Ross, Donald Willis (Vice Chairman)

Absent: Steve Martino, Gary Smith, David Roberge (ex-officio)

Guests: Ron Bianca (Hawks Nest Beach Club Association)

1. Call to Order

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was waived as the American Flag was missing from the room.

2. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting July 15, 2019

Steven Ross moved to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes of Regular Meeting July 15, 2019 as submitted. Don Willis seconded the motion. **SO VOTED.**

3. Correspondence

Todd Machnik reported on a couple of emails regarding the beaver issues on Whippoorwill Road across from the Kotzan's home. The problem is on the Old Lyme Land Trust property and they will

not give permission to trap the beavers. Bonnie is aware of this and will address the situation with Old Lyme Land Trust.

4. Old Business

a. Flooding in Open Space

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

Todd reported that the DEEP is working with him regarding the beaver problem and approving permits to have trapping done. DEEP recommended beaver control measures are being used. When the problem is on private property, including the property of the Old Lyme Land Trust, the Town cannot take any action.

b. Upper Black Hall River Flooding

This is also on Old Lyme Land Trust property and the Town cannot take any action.

c. Swan Brook Flooding

Todd Machnik shared photos that Dave Roberge sent him of the condition of the outflow area of Swan Brook into Long Island Sound one day after the nor'easter storm last week. There was a discussion and it was recalled from the July 15, 2018 FEC Board minutes: *"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 band-aids on it in the past, but band-aids 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."*

As far as Dave Roberge knows no action has been taken from his letter to Bonnie.

Steven Ross confirmed that only seven Hawks Nest Beach properties abut Swan Brook, with the all the rest and the outflow being entirely on Miami Beach Property. HNBCA has no ownership of the Swan Brook outflow area at all.

5. New Business

Steven Ross reported that in 2003 he had worked with the DEEP on the Mile Creek Marsh to get the ditches cleaned out, the ponds excavated and maintain the outflow. There was not a COP issued for maintaining the outflow. In 2010 another COP was obtained by DEEP again for the ditches and the ponds and the COP for the Town was to maintain the channel during the winter months up until March 31 for ten years. This permit expires this upcoming January. Steven Ross is working on a new application for a COP for the Town regarding the continuance of maintenance. Steve will update the board as this goes along.

There was a discussion about the proposed zoning amendment. A letter will be drafted from the Flood and Erosion Control Board to the Zoning Board regarding the proposed zoning amendment to section 4.3 Tidal Wetlands Protection to be read at the public hearing in November.

6. Public Comment

Ron Bianca of HNBA reported that Public Works had cleaned out the outflow at Swan Brook after the recent storm. He has not heard anything from the Board of Selectmen regarding this matter. Todd Machnik reminded Ron that this is on private property and that this board and David Roberge did make suggestions to the Selectmen and have not received any feedback. Members suggested that Ron wait until after the election in November to address this again with the Selectmen.

Todd Machnik stated that he will step down from the FEC Board as of the end of this year. He will inform the Selectmen's office shortly. Todd urged members if they can suggest any person to serve on this board to please talk to Bonnie.

7. Adjournment

Steven Ross moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 PM, and Don Willis seconded the motion.

SO VOTED.

The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen Garbarino, Clerk

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