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A Special Meeting of the Flood and Erosion Control Board was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 5:36 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street. Present: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu; Council Members Fortier, Hahn, Kelley, Medeiros, Mills, and Preleski.

The call of the meeting was presented:

*“Flood and Erosion Control Members
Bristol, Connecticut*

SPECIAL FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD MEETING

There will be a Special Meeting of the Flood and Erosion Control Board to be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 immediately following the Special City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

AGENDA

- 1. To approve the minutes of the special Flood and Erosion Control Board meeting on March 28, 2017.*
- 2. Introduction of the Flood and Erosion Control Board purpose, and to take any action as necessary.*
- 3. To receive and discuss updates from the Public Works Dept. regarding current flood mitigation projects on the Copper Mine Brook & Pequabuck River, and to take any action as necessary.*
- 4. To receive and discuss updates from the Public Works Dept. regarding Public Works staff inspections and direction to property owners to remove debris and obstructions from waterways within the City, and to take any action as necessary.*
- 5. To adjourn.*

*Per Order of Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu
DATED this 23rd day of March, 2018.”*

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 28, 2017.

On motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the special Flood and Erosion Control Board meeting on March 28, 2017.

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2. INTRODUCTION OF FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD PURPOSE.

Public Works Director Veselka stated the Flood and Erosion Control Board works with the City Conservation Commission on mitigation projects and can save money for taxpayers on their flood insurance. He highlighted the powers of the Board.

3. UPDATES REGARDING COPPER MINE BROOK AND PEQUABUCK RIVER FLOOD MITIGATION STUDY.

City Engineer Rogozinski stated there was one project to realign the Copper Mine Brook downstream from the Stevens Street bridge and remove debris from the bridge up to Jerome Avenue. There was an additional component to add storm drainage on Candy Lane. He indicated they were working with the City of New Britain and the Department of Public Health because the project area was within watershed property.

City Engineer Rogozinski noted a structural inspection was performed on the Pequabuck River conduit from the West End to Memorial Boulevard. There were some minor repairs needed in the conduit and sediment inside.

City Engineer Rogozinski stated further that the U.S. Geological Society has a water gauge that was recently reactivated and displays real time readings of water surface elevations on the Pequabuck River.

Council Member Preleski questioned how the department determines the priorities with respect to flood and erosion control.

City Engineer Rogozinski responded that consultants perform studies that assist in the determination of priorities.

Council Member Mills questioned whether there was a difference after the work was completed at Rockwell Park and the Frederick Street bridge.

City Engineer Rogozinski responded that the water surface elevation was lowered after those projects.

4. UPDATES REGARDING STAFF INSPECTIONS TO REMOVE DEBRIS AND OBSTRUCTIONS FROM WATERWAYS.

City Engineer Rogozinski stated the environmental technician walks the Pequabuck River and the Copper Mine Brook in the spring and fall. He noted three property owners had six downed trees. If the trees were not removed, there was a funding source in Public Works to remove the trees.

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Mayor Zoppo-Sassu highlighted that adjacent property owners own to the middle of the river and were responsible for debris or obstructions within that area.

5. ADJOURNMENT.

At 5:55 p.m., on motion of Council Member Mederois and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: _____

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Town & City Clerk