

(The following is not a verbatim transcript of comments or discussion that occurred during the meeting, but rather a summarization intended for general informational purposes. All motions and votes are the official records).

FLOOD COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Committee was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Council Majority Leader Paul H. Archetto, Chair
Council Minority Leader Michael W. Favicchio
Nicholas Capobianco
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.
Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works

Absent: Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr.
Senator Frank S. Lombardi
Representative Joseph McNamara
Michael Behm
Amy Sinyei
Brian Dupont
Matthew Papino

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chair stated that Councilman Santamaria called him and indicated that he could not attend this meeting due to a family issue.

Chair stated that Debra Peluso, 110 Lake St., who was to be present this evening, is not able to attend.

Chair indicated that he received correspondence in reference to a vote pending to ease some of the insurance premiums. This is pending in the House of Congress.

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING/NEW BUSINESS:

- **Affordable Flood Insurance on Federal Level**

Chair stated that this was Mr. Dupont's issue and since he is not present, this item will be continued.

- **Cost of analysis of dredging of a portion of Pocasset River**

Chair stated that he would like to have a section of this river dredged. Mr. Mason stated that he spoke to the Engineer that designed the flood wall, but the controlling factor is the Cranston Print Works dam. Even if the flood wall is moved downstream, this is essentially moving the flood downstream.

Council President Lanni stated that if the channels (spillways) at the Print Works dam were opened, he asked if that would alleviate some of the flooding problems on Fletcher Ave. Mr. Mason stated that this is a good question and he would have to look into that. Council President Lanni stated that these spillways were used years ago when the Print Works was open.

Chair asked if the City could have jurisdiction, possibly through an easement, to access that portion of the dam. He asked that Mr. Mason look into this and report back at the next meeting.

Council President Lanni stated that, as he stated in the past, it might be a lot more cost efficient to buy out the properties instead of spending federal money to build this flood wall. Mr. Mason stated that this is part of the analysis.

- **Debra Peluso – 110 Lake St. (would like to address the Committee on what her avenue is for reimbursement, if any, for flood she incurred).**

Chair stated that Ms. Peluso was not able to attend this meeting, but she will be sending a letter to this Board.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Majority Leader Archetto, it was voted to continue this item. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Flood Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19th at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee