



**GREATER HARTFORD FLOOD
COMMISSION**
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**Unapproved
Minutes of Meeting**

November 13, 2019

9:30 am

Commissioners Present:

Michael McGarry, Chairman
Linda A. King-Corbin, Commissioner
Alan Wengell P.E., Commissioner

Also present for GHFC:

Frank Dellaripa P.E., Director, Greater Hartford Flood Commission
Nick Casparino P.E., CE III, City of Hartford
Grace Yi, Green Infrastructure Assistant, City of Hartford
James Del Visco, Esq., Assistant Corporation Counsel, City of Hartford
Andrew Cardinali, CT DOT Engineering
Don Wurst, CME Associates
Tom Sawtelle, CME Associates
Mary Pelletier, Park Watershed

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman McGarry called the meeting to order.
2. **Roll Call of Commissioners:** Nick Casparino conducted roll call and announced there was a quorum present.
3. **Chair's Comments**
 1. Discussed the two current commission member vacancies.
 2. Discussed the labor issues which have delayed the potential removal of the fallen vegetation in the North Branch of the Park River by City employees. The possibility of utilizing City DPW personnel to assist in the removal to avoid damage to private property is being considered when the tree trimming crew is hired.
4. **Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 10, 2019**

Voted: Approved with the addition of the listing of DOT and CME personnel which had been in attendance at the previous meeting, unanimously
5. **Report of Flood Control Director – Frank Dellaripa**
 - a. Administrative approvals: None

- b. Frank Dellaripa provided an update on the USACE's SWIF program status and the USACE's publication of the SQRA.
- c. Frank Dellaripa provide an update on the City's request for funding as part of Federal WRDA process and legislation.
- d. General discussion on the Park River Conduit and associated pump station operation occurred.
- e. General discussion concerning the MDC Integrated Plan and Long Term Control Plan versus the construction of the three storage tunnels occurred.
- f. The CT DEEP is concerned about the condition of the former Olive Street pedestrian bridge. The bridge was originally constructed by the GHFC but subsequently transferred to the State as part of the construction of the flood control improvements along the South Branch of the Park River. The CT DEEP is exploring the possibility of removing the structure. Further information will be provided as the project progresses.
- g. Nick Casparino provided an update and status report on the rehabilitation of the Flood Protection System, Interim Risk Reduction Measures and the capital improvements.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

- a. Application by the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the Rehabilitation of Bridge No. 00980B – State Project No. 63-712. Elements of the bridge are located within the Hartford Flood Protection System right of way and the Connecticut River flood plain.
 - 1. Granting of temporary construction easements within Riverside Park, the access road to the Park and the Hartford Flood Protection System right of way which are required to rehabilitate the bridge.
 - 2. Modification of the storm drainage system and grouted drainage swale on the Hartford Flood Control levee embankment related to modifications to the bridge drainage system.

CME provided a presentation on the CT DOT's project including the scope of work located within the levee system right of way as well as the need for temporary access easements within the levee system right of way. A contract addendum will be utilized to incorporate the GHFC approvals and DPW comments into their construction contract.

Voted: Approved with DPW conditions dated 10/31/2019, unanimously

8. Public Comment

Mary Pelletier, Park Watershed Representative supplied copies of the report entitled: “Environmental Education: Learning How to Conserve and Revitalize the North Branch Park River”. The pros and cons of the MDC Integrated Plan and Long Term Control Plan versus the construction of the three storage tunnels and the concerns of the affected residents along the North Branch of the Park River occurred. Discussed MDC’s proposal to install a 72” trunk sanitary sewer in order to convey flows to the Hartford Water Pollution Control Facility. Concerns about the layout and possible conflict of the new sanitary sewer with the Park River conduit were raised.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Voted: Approved, unanimously

Adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Dellaripa, Director