



# *Flood Advisory Committee*

## *Minutes of April 22, 2010 Meeting*

- **The** fourth meeting of 2010 for the Cranford Flood Advisory Committee (FAC) was called to order by Rick Marsden at 7:35 PM in room 108 of the Cranford Municipal Building.
- **The** following people were in attendance:  
Township Engineer Rick Marsden, Gregory Sgroi, Ellen Hunt, Ed Trush, Mike Pender, Joe Musillo, Jeremy Tomlinson, and Louis C. Lambe.
- **Township Engineer Update:**
  1. Some points along the dike had to be sand bagged and reinforced during the recent storms to prevent a breach.
  2. Some trees have been tagged on the Riverside Drive side of the river to be cut down to about 6 feet tall by the county.
  3. *FEMA* has been set up in Cranford for some time helping victims from the last flood and are pulling out and moving on, on the 24th. (See Attached )
  4. Members of the committee expressed a desire to put together a fact sheet and guide for people in the flood zone.
  5. Members of the committee also expressed a need to establish a means to identify homes being sold in flood prone areas. The committee will provide information on flood preparedness.
  6. Mr. Trush informed the committee the National Flood Insurance Program had expired on March 28<sup>th</sup>; however, policies are still in effect.
  7. *The* Orchard Brook project is in the Lawyers hands for easements. This project has been in different states of progress since 1982 and is intended to widen the brook to accommodate a 100 year storm. The project requires 21 easements and the Stream Encroachment permit applications are revised, up to date and ready to go once the easements are in place. The county's paperwork is also supposed to be in order and awaiting the easements as well.
- **Status of County Open Space Committee Efforts:** Mr. Trush reported that he and Mr. DeCotiis suggested to Commissioner Aschenbach that the CFAC subcommittee research and organize the historical progression of the Open Space efforts as they affect Cranford before engaging the County to cooperate with the CFAC and the Township. Mr. Trush suggested that the whole effort might be defunct because the submitted consent resolution is patently inconsistent with the Township's request to the county to make certain budgetary cuts.



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## ● *Progress Of Committee Goals:*

1. Update and Improve the CFAC Website. [Mr. Lambe to coordinate with Mr. Musillo](#)
2. Produce a half hour television show for TV 35 which educates the public about flooding in Cranford without creating a scare or adversely affecting property values. **No update**
3. Find a way to advance 2B to compliment the now operational pump station. The PS without 2B could create a false sense of security since only a limited amount of the sewers along the river are actually connected to it. **No Update**
4. Aggressively pursue funding for the NE Quadrant project. **No Update**
5. Aggressively pursue funding for the phase 5 Pump Station and location. **No Update**
6. Push for the completion of the USACE study. **No Update**
7. Advance the study of the Lenape Basin and Control Structure to determine the feasibility of increasing the size of the orifice or retaining one foot above the current employed elevation.
  - [Mr. Marsden will contact Mr. Mineo to see if he can obtain the design calculations.](#)
8. Attend a Union County Freeholder Meeting with the USACE's support. **No Update**
9. Install curbing along the dike on Riverside to protect the pump station and along Park Drive to prevent parking on the dike. **No Update**

## ● *Comments:*

1. *Mr.* Sgroi made a motion that the committee respectfully request that the Township Committee bond for the completion of the shovel ready flood project, Phase 2B.
2. *Ms.* Hunt informed the committee that she observed a staging of large pipe on Meisel Avenue in Springfield and understood that the construction materials were staged their for a flood relief project. Mr. Marsden is going to look into what the project is about.
3. *Mr.* Trush made a motion that the dike banks along Park Drive be restored by Cranford Township. Mr. Marsden and Ms. Hunt will visit the site and report back to the committee.
4. *Mr.* Sgroi requested that Mr. Marsden provide him with the design profiles for the various express sewers along the river so that he may calculate flow rates and capacity.
5. *Mr.* Trush made a motion that the committee respectfully request that in light of Ms. Garcia's intention to not seek re-election, the Township Committee replace her with Mr. Aschenbach.
6. *Mr.* Lambe will contact NJIT to see if Cranford could provide projects for students to earn credits at no salary.

- *Mr. Pender* made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Ms. Hunt at 9:10PM.