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Residential Flood Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2025 – 4:00 pm

5th Floor Conference Room, Village Hall

Village Manager Keith Kazmark called the meeting of the Residential Flood Advisory Committee to order at 4:07 pm. Members present: Christine Fleischmann (via Zoom), Laurie Howard, Joan Hubertus (via Zoom), Montserrat Limon (via Zoom), Gerald Maurer, Julianne Ofodile (via Zoom), and Barbara Sacks (via Zoom). Council Liaison Siobhan Winograd was also present.

Mr. Kazmark began by introducing Steven Conch and Reegan McCaulley from the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Conch discussed the approval of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), which was approved by Congress and signed into law in late 2024. He explained both the short-term programming and the long-term programming options. The short-term, Planning Assistance Program is a 50/50 match between the municipality and the USACE. This can include a study and recommendation for mitigation efforts. For the long-term programming, it will be a multi-step process, including a Congressional authorization, a Federal appropriation or community project funding, and local partner (NJ DEP) authorization. It was suggested that the Village reach out to Rep. Gottheimer to assist in funding the formal study of the Ho-Ho-Kus Brook and the Saddle River. The requested amount for the study is estimated at \$300,000 - \$500,000.

Mr. Kazmark shared with the group that the Village Council plans to appropriate \$105,000 in the capital budget and there is approximately \$431,000 in previous capital for drainage/river and brook projects. Some of this funding can be used toward the 50/50 match.

With regard to outreach, Mr. Kazmark discussed the Village recently promoting Flood Awareness Week. A suggestion was made to send a letter to new homeowners in flood prone areas of town.

Discussion ensued about having flyers to pass out at the upcoming Earth Day Festival. The Manager's Office will get the flyers to be passed out at the Green Ridgewood table.

The committee then discussed the New Jersey requirement for a flood disclosure form at time of sale. This information will be circulated to the committee.

Ms. Sacks discussed sharing the flood maps, which depict the directional flow of water in flood prone areas.

Mr. Kazmark will invite Neil Gallone from the GIS Division at Ridgewood Water to a meeting to further discuss the flood portal.

The committee agreed to meet on June 4, 2025 and September 10, 2025 for their next meetings.

Action Items:

- Circulate the NJ flood disclosure form.
- Generate public outreach flyers for the Earth Day Festival
- Provide a map of the locations, which flood in the Village, possible with directional flow indicated on the map.
- Invite Neil Gallone from GIS to the next meeting to share flood portal submissions.
- Schedule a field trip for the committee to walk the Saddle River.

The meeting was then opened for Public Comment (3-minutes each speaker):

No one wished to be heard.

The committee adjourned the meeting at 5:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Keith Kazmark
Village Manager