

# Town of Shandaken

## S.A.F.A.R.I. Meeting Notes

Shandaken Area Flood Assessment and Remediation Initiative

**Tuesday July 11, 2023 10:00am - 11:30am**

**In-Person at AWSMP Office, Shokan, NY**

**Or attend remotely: <https://meet.goto.com/186340189>**

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### **In Attendance:**

#### In Person:

Peter DiSclafani, Town of Shandaken  
Supervisor  
Eric Hoffmeister, Town of Shandaken  
Highway Superintendent  
Heidi Emrich, UCDOE Environmental Planner  
Adam Trescott, Project Manager, Stream  
Management Program, NYCDEP

#### Remote:

Kevin VanBlarcum, Town of Shandaken  
Deputy Supervisor  
Aaron Bennett, Deputy Chief, NYCDEP  
Watershed Lands & Community Planning  
David Burns, Project Manager, NYCDEP  
Adam Doan, Stream Project Manager, AWSMP  
Mark Loete, Town of Shandaken Zoning;  
Trout Unlimited

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### **Town of Shandaken Updates**

- Floodplain Administrator outreach, assistance, permits, issues, etc
  - Gray Way: Peter hasn't heard anything more from new owner about using parcel for more than current camper site.
  - Rte 28 near Creekside Drive & Rte 42: there is a parcel for sale which is wholly situated in the floodway. Heidi to provide some maps for the town to share with perspective purchasers.
  - Firelight Campground: floodplain development permit was in order. Applicants are working on SPDES permit; working with the state and hoping to open in 2025

### **Feasibility Studies**

- Town Hall & Highway Garage complex relocation feasibility study application – update
  - Heidi to supply to town with revised application as per CWC meeting, for town review and submittal
  - Neighbor, Johnson may be willing to sell vacant parcel, for location for septic, should the town move forward with Glenbrook Park site
- Pine Hill Stormwater
  - Owner of run-down lower Main Street parcel is amiable to selling the property and willing to hear an offer from DEP. (Peter did inform the landowner that is a lengthy process)
    - Heidi, as FBO assessment lead, needs to do additional research on parcel eligibility. Some of those houses did experience flooding during the Christmas flood (which was more caused by debris in the bridge), but the parcel is also in the Hamlet. Must check FBO Rules before moving forward.
  - Peter had a meeting with the Fire Department, they are considering granting access
  - The committee discusses the parcel owned by Botini fuel; would it be attractive for DEP to purchase through FBO? Would be excellent to remove oil tanks from the floodplain.
    - More research will need to be done on this by Heidi and possibly Adam T.

## Design & Implementation Project Updates

- Design & Feasibility Phoenicia Bridge Street Bridge Project - UC DPW (partly funded by AWSMP)
  - Town spoke with Railroad Museum; they are not “totally against” relocating Station Road through their property and might be willing to discuss the concept further. This would need to be negotiated with Ulster County
  - Interpretive Center / pocket park on the LEFT side of Bridge Street (UC CFA application?!)
    - Schedule meeting with Dennis Doyle, Andrew and County Attorney to discuss Railroad option, Heidi to touch base and try to schedule something to discuss pocket park, and road relocation.
    - Mark Loete reminds us to think of parking, should “pocket park” be considered. Parking now, is very limited. Parking perhaps on 27 Station Road property?
    - Design Alternate 3 is the most preferred by stakeholders; has the most flood reduction benefits.
- Mount Tremper Bridge LOMR updates, if any (funded by AWSMP)
  - No updates
- Pine Hill LFA Project Area 2 updates
  - Received survey from SLR, a 19.5-foot box culvert will work; county will do the work, Shandaken needs funding assistance to buy the materials. Can Shandaken go to CWC for construction funds? Still need to go through design anyway.
  - Pump house across the creek in Pine Hill, are there funds to remove it?

## Stream Restoration Project Updates

- Elk Bushkill
  - Adam updates: currently out for bid; bid opening Friday afternoon; anticipating construction to start the beginning of August.
    - Eric asks: Does it extend below the culvert?
      - No. The project stops above the culvert; the culvert is undersized
      - This can be discussed offline, being that the culvert is undersized, it may impact the rest of the work being done. They will be installing grade control in the immediate area just upstream.
      - Adam suggests a site visit to take a look at it; Eric is going to submit a DEC permit to work on it, Adam will meet him out there.
    - The floodplain development permit was delivered to the building department. Donna is the Deputy Floodplain Administrator, and she was looking at it.
- McKenley Hollow (funded by AWSMP)
  - Waiting on SLR; they delivered conceptual design in the last week or two. Likely going to construction in 2024

## Stream Access & Recreation

- Mt. Tremper Park
  - Committee held their first meeting and site visit. The committee established officers but has formal plan yet. Everything is an option at this point. The group is leaning towards minimal improvements but wants to deliver a nice park for the community, families and anglers.
  - Aaron comments there is a TON of knotweed on site already.

## Partner Updates

- AWSMP
  - No news, no affects from recent rainfall
  - Completed habitat assessments (with USGS) in Elk Bushkill and Hollow Tree
  - Finished project-monitoring at Woodland Creek stream restoration (2018)
    - Working with a certified applicator to address the Woodland Creek mugwort infestation. Looking to get crew out there to cut it down and re-treat the new growth; if the town gets any calls; direct to UCSWCD
  - Ashokan Watershed Conference, July 28, July 29 (Municipal Officials on Friday, Landowners on Saturday)
- CWC
  - none
- NYCDEP
  - FBO
    - Sage Shurter: Property has closed; working on pre-demo survey. Eagle-siting is not delaying the expected demolition work.
    - Reese property is now completely demo'd. Final culvert has been removed.
    - Damiana and VanBaren: scheduled to close next month.
    - Station Road: contract is with the county (Heidi to follow up and inquire with county).
  - FAD required evaluation report for DEP Flood Hazard Mitigation
    - Has some good data and recommendations; including revisiting LFAs. Aaron will email it around.
- Ulster County (Planning, Emergency Services, DPW, DOE)
  - UC Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan – Action Planning Meeting, in person with Consultant: July 25<sup>th</sup> at Town of Shandaken Town Hall.

**Approve Notes / Adjourn**  
**Next Meeting:**

**Notes from June Meeting Approved.** Send to Joyce.  
 Tuesday, August 8, 2023 @ 10:00am