

# Town of Shandaken

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

Shandaken Area Flood Assessment and Remediation Initiative

November 15, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

In-Person at AWSMP Office, Shokan, NY

Or attended Remotely: <https://meet.goto.com/186340189>

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### In Attendance:

#### In person

Peter DiSclafani, Shandaken Town Supervisor  
Eric Hoffmeister, Shandaken Highway  
Superintendent  
Leslie Zucker, Program Leader, AWSMP  
Adam Doan, Stream Project Manager, AWSMP  
Heidi Emrich, UC Dept of Environment

#### Virtual

David Burns, Project Manager, NYCDEP  
Aaron Bennett, Deputy Chief, NYCDEP  
Watershed Lands & Community Planning  
Mark Carabetta, Principal Environmental  
Scientist, SLR  
Kiah Parmelee, Water Resource Scientist, SLR  
Mieke Scherpbier, Project Water Resources  
Engineer, SLR

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### Local Flood Analysis

- Draft Pine Hill LFA Report - Review & Comment
  - The committee provided comments (section by section) of the revised draft report.
  - There was a brief discussion about making the meeting feel more intimate.
    - Larger screen for projection (Peter to ask Community Center what they have?)
    - Presenters closer to the audience
    - Educational materials to hand out? (Copies of the entire report? Mitigation Strategies flyer)
    - CWC available to answer questions re: flooding or provide hand outs? (Aaron to reach out for CWC representation)
  - **SCHEDULE**
    - **Final Public Meeting:** November 30 @ 7pm, Community Center
    - **Town Board Meeting:** December 5

### Town of Shandaken Updates & Discussion

- Floodplain Administrator outreach, assistance, permits, issues, etc
  - Peter reported that a few landowners have recently reached out to the Floodplain Administrator - minor questions
  - Heidi commented that a representative of Firelight Campground (formerly known as Uncle Pete's) contacted UC Dept of Environment, inquiring about required permits. Heidi referred them to Town of Shandaken Floodplain Administrator for a Floodplain Development Permit application, if they haven't already done so.
    - Peter said he was fairly certain Rob had already been approached.
    - Brief discussion followed regarding no-rise and flood-resistant platform construction
- Annual update of Shandaken Hazard Mitigation Plan – to be reviewed and updated at Town Hall November 17 at 10am.
- FBO Demolition – Aaron wanted to remind the Town of Shandaken that for any of the NYC-Funded Flood Buy Out structural demolitions occurring, the FPA should be issuing a floodplain development permit.

## **AWSMP Updates**

- Stream Projects:
  - Pantherkill wrapped up two weeks ago. They're mostly done and demobilized.
  - AWSMP looking to get surveyors out to property of Burnham Hollow (above Alpine Inn); slated for construction next year
- AWSMP Stakeholder met the previous week and reviewed the Town's application for funding for a project off McKenley Hollow Road. The grant review committee had some comments which will be discussed with the highway superintendent.

## **Implementation Project Updates**

- Bridge Street Bridge Design
  - SLR to coordinate with UC DPW; committee will look forward to a report from Ulster County
- Letter of Map Revision (LOMR)
  - SLR still waiting on DOT for final as-built plans / model

## **NYCFFBO Updates**

- Station Road
  - Ulster County has still not received a draft contract from DEP; in the meantime, will explore drafting easement to Town for road access.
  - Heidi provided update regarding 17 Station Road. Site visit confirmed the parcel's eligibility. Landowner is amenable to moving forward. Heidi sent Peter a summary and draft resolution for the Town Board's consideration. If/when Town Board approves parcel for FBO program, DEP can move forward with appraisal.
- Other status updates:
  - Damiana / VanBaren – Shandaken supplied updated resolutions; contracts are all executed; surveys are done; expected to close early 2023.
    - Damiana – Aaron reports that survey showed shed that belongs to Damiana is on the neighbors property. The shed was appraised as part of the property, so this must be resolved before the property can close.
  - Sage & Shurter is moving ahead.
    - DEP has drafted a re-use plan for review. The committee discussed how to review this and upcoming proposed re-use plans. Aaron suggests that these plans are fairly standard and the town should not plan to propose significant changes, but should review and make "tweaks" as needed.
    - Leslie recommends discussing at next SAFARI so that these re-use plans can be looked at from technical advisors
    - Aaron suggested that these re-use plans can allow for LFA-recommended actions; Leslie asks if the re-use plan can also include Stream Management Plan recommendations?
      - Dave Burns says a similar scenario is being disucced in Windham. He will check to see if there is draft language that would address this
    - Aaron clarified that in the future, if there is a new use / need proposed, it can be proposed separately to the DEC for their approval
  - Kirkpatrick, no update
  - Hansen demolition is done
  - Reese demolition was awarded to Tweedie Construction; demo to likely being in the coming weeks.
    - DEP is going to take all the jersey barriers on site.

## **Partner Updates**

- CWC updates
  - Heidi read an email from John, CWC: Application from Town of Shandaken for Town Hall property protection measures feasibility study was approved.
    - The Town of Shandaken may apply for relocation feasibility study as well. Heidi supplied the town with a draft application and draft resolution for submission, should the like to proceed with that application.
- Ulster County updates (Planning, Emergency Services, DPW, DOE)
  - Ulster County Natural Resource Inventory – Public workshops November 14 & 16
  - Ulster County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan - official welcome packet offered to Peter, with a letter of intent to be returned if Shandaken decides to participate.
    - Tetra Tech has been awarded the contract with the county to complete the UCMJHMP; contract to include interactive GIS mapping tools and 5-years of annual reporting.
  - Table Top Exercise – Heidi introduced the FEMA – led Virtual Table Top Exercise (VTTX) option and passed out some information.
    - The VTTX could be hosted at AWSMP, where the cohort of towns (Shandaken and other Ashokan watershed towns) could meet in-person, and discuss the FEMA presented scenario via live webinar, and report back and hear from other communities dealing with flooding across the country.
    - The VTTX will be February 21, 22, 23<sup>rd</sup>. A community would participate in only 1 of those days; for a 4-hour session.

**October Meeting Notes:**        *Approved*

**Next Meeting:**                    *Tuesday, December 13 at 10am*