

Town of Shandaken

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

Shandaken Area Flood Assessment and Remediation Initiative

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 10:00am – 11:30 pm

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 Hofmeister, Town of Shandaken Highway
Superintendent

Leslie Zucker, AWSMP Program Manager,
CCEUC

Heidi Emrich, Environmental Planner, UCDOE

John Mathiesen, CWC Environmental
Engineering Specialist and Program
Manager

Adam Trescott, SMP Basin Manager, NYCDEP

Max Kelly, Watershed Educator

Remote:

Aaron Bennett, Flood Hazard Mitigation
Coordinator, NYCDEP

Town of Shandaken Updates

- **Floodplain Administrator outreach, assistance, permits, issues, applications, etc.**
 - The committee discusses the Silver Hollow Rd property development, with proposed house to cantilever over Warner Creek
 - Landowners are going to the ZBA for variance request
 - Structure to be cantilevered over the creek will be above the BFE
 - UCDOE and AWSMP offer to supply letters related to risk, if the town would find it helpful.
 - AWSMP has data on velocities and how much and the size of sediment that stream can move during the 1% annual chance storm.
 - Have those impacts been studied by the engineer?
 - Property near Rte 42 and Creekside Drive: Donna reports that they're interested in improving the structure. It will likely be Substantial Improvement. She's advising them to elevate.
 - Property may have historic significance.
 - Landowners might be pursuing an official designation.
 - If they receive the designation, Heidi warns, the regulations for elevation may be different – they may not have to elevate as high as might otherwise be required. It may depend on the construction type, style and other historical factors.
 - CAC wants to plan a public meeting on flood hazard mitigation.

- Heidi will have meeting with CAC members to go over the very basics of planning a public meeting related to LFA areas and eligibility for property protection measures.
 - Education about NFIP mapping, flood risk, LFA study areas, and resulting recommendations
 - John, LFA FHMIP program
 - John does *NOT* have to attend this first meeting, He'll be looped into future meetings, so long as he's willing / able to present.

CRS Activities Updates

- **RLAA, Substantial Damage Management Plan and Insurance Analysis – update**
 - Tetra Tech Submitted the Scope of Work & Final Cost Estimate
 - Town will review and let us know if there are any comments or concerns.
 - Heidi will review and check in with Leslie in next week or two to get that under contract.
 - The 5 Year Cycle Verification has been moved to last week of July/ First week in August
 - This will buy Shandaken and Tetra Tech more time to prepare
 - Aaron shares that Jessica Patterson, Delaware County is applying to receive points for NYC West of Hudson Watershed FEMA maps, because CITY paid for those maps!
 - Ulster County's maps were adopted in 2016. That Flood Insurance Study and mapping round was also paid for by NYC (NOT part of FEMA's scheduled mapping service; initiating your own mapping effort earns you CRS points).
 - Heidi will follow up with Aaron to see if Shandaken can supply the same info at their cycle verification and also receive CRS points.
 - Heidi will send an email reminder to Ben, ISO officer, to confirm final July/August date for 5-year cycle verification.

Town Hall & Highway Complex Relocation Updates

- **Town Hall Relocation at Phoenicia School – update**
 - Peter has to make a presentation to the school board
 - Town board still has a lot of questions, and concerns about managing a big building
 - Town board wants an inspection on the property – what are the maintenance costs going to be?
 - Town board is considering: What is the town spending now on energy use and operations, and what would they be spending for energy usage, etc.?
 - School is interested in putting this out for a referendum in May
 - Will Shandaken Board be ready to commit by then?
- **Co-Location Town Highway, EOC & other facilities with UC DPW substation - Update**
 - Local Gov't Efficiency Grant (NYSDOS) application was submitted by Ulster County on behalf of the county and the town.
 - Leslie asks: is the money is already in the state's coffers?
 - Heidi is not really sure...
- **NYCDEP Progress report on potential relocation “swap” parcel?**
 - Aaron updated. See below.
- **Parcel on Golf Course Road (potential relocation site).**
 - Aaron asks if there has been any movement on this parcel?
 - Peter hasn't heard back yet from the landowner. Peter has reached out to a few other parcel owners as well.
- **Funds allocated from ARPA funding**
 - The Town Board learned that all that money needed to be obligated to something that would be spent by 12/31/25. That money is thus, now re-allocated to trucks

and EV chargers.

Partner Updates

- **AWSMP**

- SMIP Grant Application funding round is open (due March 11)
 - Might be extended if the steel tariffs present issues
 - Pine Hill LFA implementation can be applied for at any time.
 - Shandaken might be well set up for McKenley Hollow for construction of that project, based on 30% design and cost estimate provided recently from consultant.
 - It's possible vegetation plantings could come out of any SMIP application made, and be applied for through CSBI
 - Leslie asks if Eric if the town is interested in applying for assistance in Fox Hollow
 - Eric indicates yes, but the problem is that construction likely needs to happen sooner rather than later. The crossing is structurally in bad condition. He might have to put a temporary bridge in.
 - It's the LAST bridge on Fox Hollow
- Scholarships
 - AWSMP is offering the Scholarship Program! Max passes around guidance.
 - Pretty similar to last year. Registration Fees only for days attended.
 - No longer covering travel costs within the state.
- Flood Disaster Assistance Workshop February 20, 2025
 - NYSDHSES, NYSDOS (CEDAR program), AWSMP and Ulster County Emergency Services will all be presenting.
 - Hosted by CCE and Ulster County
 - In person at SUNY Ulster, and online
- Floodplain Administrator Basic Training April 8-9, 2025
 - To be held at CWC Building
 - Registration information will be available soon. Keep an eye for your email.
 - Training is for practical, every-day floodplain administration; discussing duties, regulations, and practicing mapping, elevations and more.
- NYSFSMA – Annual Conference April 22-24, Ithaca Downtown Conference Center
 - Max shares Conference schedule

- **CWC**

- 2 demos in Oliveria were awarded to Tweedie Construction. Will start as soon as they can, weather permitting.
 - Tweedie just sent an email, hoping to start Monday – that's a holiday; push them back to Tuesday (pre-construction meeting).
- Drake FHMIP construction application for home in Phoenicia
 - Moving all utilities out of the basement, construct a small 10x12 room to move all the mechanicals

- **NYCDEP**

- FEMA Esopus Creek Re-Modelling
 - Aaron shares that DOT sent new as-builts for Rte 28 Bridge (Mt. Tremper) and Boiceville Rail Trail to FEMA's engineering consultant.
 - FEMA now has everything that is needed to proceed.
 - Partners will meet with FEMA again on the 28th.
 - Heidi asks, is this a Physical Map Revision or LETTER of Map Revision? The project will likely affect 4 panels.
 - Will ask for more details on Feb 28th.

- Aaron on “Land Swap” process: Aaron was able to get this some attention. The Assistant Commissioner has been briefed. It's now going to DEC because of the conservation easement that would have to be extinguished. Hopefully moving towards getting Shandaken an answer to this big question.
 - Just a matter of getting the DEC on board. Aaron will keep us in the loop as best we can.
- Aaron – sent an email to the building Dept. DEP needs town to provide a certificate of completion. They need it for tax purposes.
 - CWC will need copies of Certificates of Completion for their files as well.
- **Ulster County (Planning, Emergency Services, DPW, DOE)**
 - Ulster County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Progress Reporting Tool Training
 - <https://www.ttbatool.org/login>
 - Training Date: February 28 at 1:30

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