Town of Shandaken
S.A.F.A.R.I. Meeting Notes

Shandaken Area Flood Assessment and Remediation Initiative

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 10:00am – 12:30pm

In-Person at AWSMP Office, Shokan, NY

Or attend remotely:

https://cornell.zoom.us/j/99021576959?pwd=2T5FM1K44SkMHgollhJW4WaZa7adQY.1

You can also dial in using your phone: +1 (408) 650-3123 - (Phone Access Code: 646-876-9923)

Meeting ID: 990 2157 6959 | Passcode: 802474

Attendance:

Eric Hofmeister, Shandaken Highway Superintendent
Phil Mones, Shandaken Floodplain Administrator (online)
Max Kelly, AWSMP Stream Educator, CCEUC
Leslie Zucker, AWSMP Program Leader, CCEUC
Sally Rodgers, AWSMP Education Program Manager, CCEUC
Eric Lane, Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program Manager, CWC (online)
Aaron Bennett, Flood Hazard Mitigation Coordinator, NYCDEP
Andrew Emrich, Senior Engineer, Ulster County Department of Public Works

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Action Items:

- Eric – Send septic replacement plans for 10 Jay street to AWSMP
- Eric – Determine if JD would be covered under current CWC contract
- Leslie – Set up meeting with DOT Planning division
- Leslie – Adjust Jay Street SOW to reflect a conceptual/feasibility report.

Town of Shandaken Floodplain Development

- Phil Mones is the new Floodplain Administrator for the town. He attended AWSMP's floodway training in September.
- 123 Maben Hollow – prospective buyer for home in the floodplain.
    - Bridge washed away during Irene
    - Phil recommended that the buyer seeks an elevation certification since the new owners will want to make improvements to the property.
- 4.14-1-33 – Property is for sale and there is a potential interested party.
    - Access through private bridge. If planning a new crossing, there would need to be a no-rise for creating a bridge across the stream.
    - Phil planning on recommending that construction occur outside of floodplain if feasible
- 107 Route 42 – property seeking to add a shed on property.
    - Property will need a floodplain development permit for the shed. Phil can suggest that they secure the structure.
    - If the shed can be moved to 500 year floodplain, then they do not need a floodplain development permit.
    - 500 year floodplain regulations are only applicable for habitable structure
- Floodplain Administration updates
    - Phil can contact AWSMP and DEC Region 3 for any additional questions

Town Hall & Highway Complex Relocation Updates

- **Local Gov't Efficiency Grant** Planning Project

- 25-Acre "Golf Course Rd" parcel (presently Kramer)
    - Still waiting on final report from LaBella.
    - LaBella has concerns about the wetlands on the property.
    - Town will get a JD after the report is finalized.
    - Not an issue to fit the structures on the property, the challenge is fitting a traditional septic on the property. Might need a small package plant.
    - Even if wetlands are true, highway facility or town hall should be moved because they are in a dangerous position right now.
        - Highway facilities are easier to move because less septic tank needs. Only 11. Town hall has 10-15 but septic is sized for meeting hall and offices if full.
    - CWC will check if costs for JD will be covered under the contract

Phoenicia Flood Risk Reduction Project(s)

- Jay Street
    - Received comments that indicate that the SOW should be brought to conceptual/feasibility.
    - As modeling advances, it will be interesting to look at what improvements are possible at more frequent return interval storms (10-50). That may be more feasible for implementation. Then enhancement can evolve as landowner engagement evolves.
    - The study does include design for removal of concrete abutment on 38 Main Street. Potential for benching to occur primarily on river left and less on Jay street side given 38 Main Street going through FBO process.
    - Realistic timeframe for findings: SMIP application by end of year. Under contract in March. Initial information/meeting in May.
    - 15 Jay Street is vacant/abandoned. Needed to be elevated a foot and landowner did not want to do it.
    - UC DOH and CWC may have records of septic systems in the area. Anybody can make this request since it is public information.
- Bridge Street Bridge
    - Stantec contract is on legislative agenda for this month. Goes to publics works committee tonight. Contract by end of the year.
        - Look at designs by SLR. Advance Alternatives 3, 5, and pedestrian bridge.
        - Scope will create bid ready documents for all three designs. Get more accurate feasibility for each alternative.
    - The bridge will likely be closed before there is a contract to replace the bridge given the red flag.
- DOT Coordination
    - Leslie to set up another meeting to advance coordination
    - Likely will be an online meeting but hoping to get DOT staff in person

FEMA-Initiated LOMR Update

- Meeting on 10/23 has been rescheduled for 10/30. Discussion of outreaching results. Future SAFARI agenda is how to address landowner outreach of LOMR.
- New maps will become effective in April pending no technical challenges
- Town can use the preliminary maps as best available data in interim

CRS Coordination

- Last CRS meeting was October 5. Working through recertification process. Tetra Tech will be submitting floodplain development permits to ISO (insurance Services Officer). They need to be at a minimum of 90% correct.
- Reaching level 6 is potentially an additional requirement that town does not have current capacity for. The SMIP grant aims to increase town capacity. SMIP grant on hold. Hoping to pick up again in Jan.

NYC-Funded Flood Buy Outs

- 38 Main Street
  - No update from DEP
- 27 Station Road
  - County is current owner.
  - The reason this progress has stopped is due to legal confusion regarding the railroad and road right of way
  - County leaning towards not going through FBO and giving property to town.
  - Project is on hold. Tabled but will be kept on agenda.
- Amenta (464 Plank Rd) –
  - Babs and Marlana met to work through the confusion about road and direction of stream flow.
  - Currently with the town. Town is doing due diligence.
- Firelight (SBL 25.1-2-27)
  - No update
- Black Bear Campground
  - Sally is unable to get in contact with George.

Partner Updates

- **AWSMP**
  - Max created a quick start guide for NOAA FIM. This guide is information presented at last month's meeting. This could be a future presentation at Flood hazard mitigation WG
  - Bobby Taylor is no longer with UCSWCD
  - SMIP funding round cancelled for this fall. Hopefully launching a funding round once feasible. LFA funding is still available.
  - UCDOE is rehiring for an environmental planner.
  - Sally is considering running a tabletop exercise to walk through how to respond to a flood event. Also considering developing a presentation on FBO process and misconceptions
  - AWSMP working through CWC on Emergency Stream Debris Removal program. One application submitted to CWC (Grubman Rd). Setting up a site visit for a new site on Warner Creek.
- **CWC**
  - Executed a contract for the playhouse feasibility study for property protection measures.
  - There are a few thousand dollars left in a Phoenicia additional modeling grant, this money could be used by town to investigate BFE near locations.
  - Town can engage SLR and cc Leslie Zucker to ensure that elevations are correct.
    - Task SLR to use the newest FEMA maps. Ask for their advice if these maps are accurate at this site. Goal is to ensure that building is elevated to meet new FEMA flood maps effective in April.
- **NYCDEP**
  - No updates to share
- **Ulster County (Planning, Emergency Services, DPW, DOE)**
  - Working on bridge on Woodland Valley Rd over Daugherty Brook. Scour protection and replacement of superstructure.

Review Notes; Adjourn
Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2026