

Town of Olive
Flood Advisory Committee
Report on January 21, 2016 Meeting

The Town of Olive Flood Advisory Committee met on Thursday, January 21, 2016, 6 pm at the Town Meeting Hall in Shokan, NY.

Committee Members Present:

Sylvia Rozzelle, Jim Hyde, Drew Boggess, Judy Coutinho, John Ingram, Dom Covello, Heather Gierloff, Jody Hoyt, Ed Cahil, Nicholas Burgher

Others Present:

John Mathiesen, CWC; Carl Swenson, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator; Brian Burns, Highway Superintendent; Bill Blankenship, HGA Consultants; Phil Eskeli, NYCDEP Stream Management; Adele Weissman, NYCDEP Watershed Lands & Community Planning; Brian Blakely, Tom Kraus, Olive Fire Department Members; Murray Fenwick, Elsa Fenwick, Diana Klippel, John Klippel, Judy Girard, Ron Girard, Boiceville residents in floodplain; Mitch Langbert and Shirley Golgowski, Town residents

Chairman Sylvia Rozzelle stated the purpose of this meeting was to provide updated flood mitigation findings to those Boiceville property owners located within the floodplain. She noted that most floodplain property owners were either contacted personally, via phone or email, plus posters were handed out informing them of tonight's meeting.

Information regarding Local Flood Analysis and the engineering mitigation strategies was presented along with information from the January 14th FAC meeting.

One of the big issues is the federal government is no longer wanting to subsidize flood insurance. Increases in flood insurance for commercial properties will be 25% annually for the next four (4) years until such time premiums reach actuarial rates. FEMA recommends that any structure prone to flooding be flood proofed with any combination of structural and non-structural adjustments to reduce or eliminate flood damage. Seven (7) of the eighteen properties in Boiceville pay over \$34,000 in flood insurance.

It was noted that the total assessment for the properties in the flood plain makes up less than ½ of a percent (0.478%) of the total assessment of the Town. The total town general, highway, and fire tax for these properties in the flood plain total less than \$20,000 (\$19,979.40) for the current year.

Comments were requested from the Olive floodplain property owners in attendance. Mr. Fenwick of Stucki Embroidery stated he simply wants to sell his empty building. It was noted by Rozzelle that in conversations with several of the residents in Boiceville they simply would like to sell due to either at an age in life to move to a warmer climate or to get out from under the high cost of living there.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.