Meeting Notes

Towns of Fulton & Blenheim

Public Meeting #1

July 31, 2014 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Blenheim Town Hall, 1848 State Route 30, Blenheim, NY

Attendance:

Fulton/Blenheim Planning Committee:

Ralph Arrandale, Co-chair

Linda Quinn, Co-Chair

Melissa Graham

Mike Mattice

Neill Driscoll

Katherine Hawkins

Robert Wilson

Robert Mann

Earl Allen

New York State Dept. of State:

Sarah Crowell

Lori Salamack

Elected Officials:

Albert Hodder (Town of Fulton Council)

Dean R. Rhinehart (Town of Fulton Council)

Phil Skowfoe Jr. (Town of Fulton Supervisor)

Members of the Public:

16 Members of the Public

Tetra Tech, Inc.:

Greg Brunelle

John Gibb

Planning4Places

Kathy Ember

Jim Levy

Agenda Item: Welcome and Introductions Presenter: Tetra Tech

Summary of Discussion:

1. Greg provided the welcome and introduction. He had the Committee Members introduce themselves to the public, introduced Sarah Crowell and Lori Salamack, and the Planning Team members.

Decision/Motions/Votes: N/A

Action Items: N/A Person Responsible: N/A Due Date: N/A

Agenda Item: Purpose of the Meeting Presenter: Tetra Tech

Summary of Discussion:

1. Greg presented the PowerPoint slides which provided an overview of the planning process, the focus of the plan/planning process, general project schedule, and resources to find additional information. It was mentioned that there a Facebook page has been created for this project called "Towns of Fulton and Blenheim." It is currently online and regularly updated. At the conclusion of the presentation, Greg opened up the floor to discussion/questions/comments. The following questions/comments were made:
    - A member of the public requested that the three website links provided in the presentation be posted to the Facebook page and these will be added.
    - A member of the public asked if the HEC-RES hydrologic modeling team could meet with the Town Highway Superintendents to discuss what happened during the storm(s) and to

coordinate the HEC-RES field work to be undertaken by Tetra Tech staff. Greg noted that such meetings will be undertaken.

- A member of the public raised a concern, apparently a long-standing issue, regarding water flowing off of State land down the hill(s) and contributing significantly to the flooding issue(s). There was mention of a specific area where vehicles pull-off the road that is not being properly maintained. As the DEC is a major landowner in the area they should be brought into the process to discuss the issues surrounding the land they manage.
- It was mentioned by a member of the Planning Team that any seasonal issues, not just the major storm events, should be considered when thinking about issues/concerns/needs and projects that could potentially be part of this planning process.
- A member of the Dam Concerned Citizens group mentioned that they are looking to develop a model using HydroCAD 10. They are looking for someone to partner with on development of the model and were thinking that there may be a way to join with this planning process. They would like to meet with representatives of this effort to discuss the project. They want to share the findings of this effort with the EMO just as NYC is currently doing with their hydraulic modeling results. They are hoping that their effort combined with the work done by NYC can help to create a more accurate picture of when local officials need to declare an emergency for the purposes of evacuation, flooding preparation, etc. They are looking for somewhere around/under $10,000 to program the HydroCAD software. They would also like to talk with the HEC-RES team when they are in town.

Decision/Motions/Votes: N/A

Action Items: Update Facebook Page	Person Responsible: Linda Quinn	Due Date: ASAP
Set up HEC-RES meetings	Person Responsible: Tetra Tech	Due Date: Next Few Weeks

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Agenda Item: Public Participation Presenter: Tetra Tech

Summary of Discussion:

1. Greg provided an overview of the public participation. Attendees were asked to write their comments on numbered index cards and put the associated numbered sticker on the map in the geographic area where the issue/need/comment is focused. This system allows the Planning Team to more quickly associate comments with their locations.
2. Attendees broke into two groups looking at maps of Fulton or Blenheim and provided substantial input and comments which are summarized in a separate document.

Decisions/Motions/Votes: N/A

Action Items: Planning Team to Summarize Comments Person Responsible: P4P Due Date: 8/3/14