

East Middlebury Flood Resiliency Project

Public Meeting – Methodist Church

Monday, March 19th

A public meeting to discuss the draft plans for the East Middlebury Flood Resiliency Project was held Monday, March 19 at the Methodist Church in East Middlebury at 7:00 p.m. Design plans and the project narrative were reviewed by Roy Schiff, Consulting Engineer with Milone and MacBroom.

Attendees:

Pat Berry (7:15)

Todd Desabrais

Eric Murray

Catherine Nichols

Kathleen Ramsay

Roy Schiff

Susan Shashok

Alan Shashok

Amy Sheldon

Cindy Thomas

Sarah Wakefield

Toby Welch

Bob Wells

Print copies of the plans were distributed to all who attended. Roy presented the draft plans and answered questions. Toby asked why not raised the berm behind his house? Roy mentioned that the plan is to open up the mouth of the flood chute which will increase capacity in the area. He will also look into raising the elevation of the berm in that area.

Todd asked if removing material in the downstream project area will increase capacity in the whole village, specifically upstream of the Grist Mill Bridge.

Susan asked, for Peggy Peabody, if we will be able to control the schedule enough for residents to be able to plan for the noise and disruption. Amy responded that the schedule for construction would depend in part on how the RFP for construction was posted and how many and what type of firms respond. We could stipulate the schedule but that might cost the Town more.

Pat asked how on-going monitoring, maintenance and costs would be addressed. Roy said the designs include defined thresholds for sediment throughout the project area that would be monitored annually. A permit would be needed for future removal of material and on-site oversight would be part of the implementation.