

Westfield Flood Control Commission

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019
6:30 pm
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Westfield City Hall
Westfield, Massachusetts 01085



1.) Call to Order.

2.) Roll Call.

3.) **Public Hearing:**

➤ **Powdermill Brook Flood Control Reservoir/Dam Rehabilitation Project.**

The United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service will be addressing the Residents, Businesses, City Officials, and All Interested Parties, regarding the City of Westfield's accepted application for Federal Assistance to Rehabilitate the Powdermill Brook Flood Control Dam, and will be present to answer questions regarding this project.

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5; Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 83-566, 68 Stat. 666, the City of Westfield made application for federal assistance on Powdermill Brook Flood Control Dam. This is applicable only to existing watershed projects that include dams that were originally constructed with assistance from one of the following water resource programs: Public Law 78-534, Section 13 of the Flood Control Act of 1944; Public Law 156-67, the pilot watershed program authorized under the heading Flood Prevention of the Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act of 1954; Public Law 83-566, the Watershed Protection & Flood Prevention Act of 1954; & Subtitle H of Title XV of the Agriculture & Flood Act of 1981, commonly known as the Resource Conservation & Development Program. Technical assistance is provided for planning, designing, & work necessary to extend service life of a dam. Financial assistance for implementing the works of improvement is provided by cost-sharing. Federal funds may be available for 65% of the total rehabilitation project cost. Watershed rehabilitation projects may include; reconstruction or decommissioning of the dam, and relocation or flood proofing of downstream property and infrastructure. The total rehabilitation project costs includes; land acquisition, easements, construction, and non-federal technical assistance & project administration. The cost of technical assistance provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service is not considered as part of the total rehabilitation project cost. The sponsoring local organizations shall be responsible for the cost of all water, mineral, and other resource rights, and cost-of-permits, which are not part of the total rehabilitation project cost. Costs associated with adding new purposes to the watershed rehabilitation project may be cost-shared, according to provisions of the Watershed Projection and Flood Prevention Act.

5.) Public Report/Participation, PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

6.) Communications.

7.) Adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Albert G. Giguere Jr.

Chairman

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