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TOWN OF ARLINGTON
ABC Tri-Community Flood Group

Meeting Date: November 13, 2012

Public Meeting Notice

The Arlington, Belmont, Cambridge Flooding Working Group (ABC Working Group) will meet on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Hearing Room, 2nd Floor, Town Hall.

Agenda

1. Review and acceptance of the meeting minutes for March 13, 2012.
2. General Discussions
 - The fate of the DCR former skating rink lot--will it be used for flood storage;
 - What plan does DOT have for Route 2 – will it be widened on the Arlington side which already floods;
 - How serious are the Town officials in Arlington and Belmont when it comes to protecting their neighborhoods from destructive development and increased sewage?
 - A recent Boston Globe described the shift in sewer focus away from Boston Harbor and more towards local areas of sewer overflows during storms. Alewife has the additional factor of flooding, so that there can be flows back from a surcharged Alewife Brook into the MWRA sewer interceptors. That would make a good topic for discussion.
 - Hurricane Sandy: local damage by a late season Category 1 hurricane. About a decade ago, the Army Corps of Engineers issued a report and map of the modeled effect of large hurricanes on the Boston area, and the hurricane effects of flood surges along coastal estuaries. The mapping showed flood waters overtopping the Charles River and Earhart dams.
 - Review of the original legislation to form the Tri-Community Flooding Group and whether we are on track to meet the stated objectives. (See handout - copy of original Joint Powers Agreement)

Purpose:

The purpose of the ABC Stormwater Flooding Group Environmental Joint Powers Agreement is for the communities to work jointly and cooperatively to identify and implement cost effective solutions to reduce or eliminate any adverse effects of flooding and other hazards in the Watershed pursuant to M.G.L. c.21A, §20. The Communities agree that Arlington, Belmont and Cambridge should address such hazard reduction jointly because the independent hazard reductions of one Community can affect one or more of the other Communities in the Watershed.

