

**Coastal Resiliency Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 18, 2020
Community Room, 4 Fairgrounds Road**

Members Present: Mary Longacre, Sarah Bois, Matt Fee, Jennifer Karberg, Peter Brace, Ian Golding, Fritz McClure, and Gary Beller (via telephone).

Members Absent: Graeme Durovich

Staff Present: Vince Murphy and Holly Backus.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 AM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Unanimously approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from previous meeting were not available.

DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE

A. Review of Committee Goals.

Sara Bois reported that the Education Committee has Homeowners Information is draft stage and looking for other comments. It will be important to engage summer community this summer when they are on island.

Vince Murphy reported that there are 56 documents in the online library, but there is no particular order and that some organization of the material would be helpful; abstract of the scientific studies would also be helpful.

Ian Golding suggested that we need to have list of timelines and deadlines for work promised by committee and staff members.

Beller suggested guidelines and recommendations for building with future in mind. The current FEMA requirement is no mechanicals within 8 feet of Mean High Water.

B. Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Strategies.

(Copy of this review is contained in power-point presentation)

Vince Murphy noted that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is 595 pages of material and that the Committee should review the recommendations contained in the report. The Committee does not need to duplicate those action items.

Holly Backus noted that the study is being reimbursed by FEMA and that the plan is required to obtain federal and state funding for projects for the next five years. Most of the grants are for design and planning stage of projects.

Matt Fee noted that some projects require need for comments from several agencies. Roads should not be designed without flooding and erosion considerations.

Holly Backus: The Plan does not consider the strategy for erosion. That will be a political issue - to retreat or to hard armor the shore line.

Mary Longacre: Our consultants should make recommendation on these policies.

Holly Backus: The HMP focuses on what has been happening. The CRP should focus on what should happen.

NOTE: The committee ask that Rob McNeil be invited back to make presentation on drainage projects.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENT

Liz Trillos stated that the Committee needs to publicize who we are and what we are doing. Suggestions: Educational material at Annual Town Meeting; Inky Mirror coverage; Town outreach coordinator; public forums starting in March. HDC will present final design guidelines on June 26, 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Next meeting is March 3rd at 10:45 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.