

**Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee
Tuesday, April 5, 2022
Via Video Conference and Recorded**

Members Present: Mary Longacre, Peter Brace, Gary Beller, Fritz McClure and Jen Karberg. Sarah Bois joined at 10:04 AM, Matt Fee at 10:06 AM, Joanna Roche at 10:08 AM and Ian Golding at 10:12 AM.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Vince Murphy

Consultants Present: None

Speakers: None

Meeting recording <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZUy2Dfo8fc>

CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM. Roll Call made.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Unanimously approved and Covid Announcements were made by Chair.

The meeting is recorded and the recording is available on the Town's YouTube channel.

DISCUSSION.

Draft Recommendation to Select Board Regarding Structure - The Committee reviewed the draft recommendation from the meeting of March 22 and adopted it unanimously without further edits. The following recommendation will be forwarded to the Select Board for the appropriate action:

“The Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee requests permanent establishment for the purposes of continuing its work, summarized here from the Committee’s purpose statement: to recommend the priority of the recommendations from the Coastal Resilience Plan; to assist with coordination of coastal resilience planning, regulations, and projects; to facilitate community engagement; and to monitor climate change data, sea level rise projections, and other communities’ coastal resilience efforts. At the Select Board’s discretion, the terms of the At-Large members of the Committee may be staggered for re-appointment.”

The discussion then focused on whether to add two seats to the Committee, one from the Land Bank and one from the Finance Committee or the Capital Program Committee. **Sarah Bois** supported the idea.

Matt Fee expressed the concern that the Committee needs to be viewed as balanced.

Jen Karberg asked whether the Land Bank representative should be from staff or the Board.

Peter Brace suggested adding the Land Council.

Sarah Bois suggested that the Committee not have someone from every conservation group. The Land Bank is a large land owner and owner of critical habitat.

She also noted that she is an “at large” member and not representing the Linda Loring Foundation.

Joanna Roche also mentioned that she is an “at large” member and does not represent the Finance Committee.

Gary Beller agreed that just the two additional seats should be considered at this time.

Rachel Freeman from the Land Bank stated that the Land Bank had discussed the seat on CRAC and the thought is that it should be a staff person to represent the Land Bank.

Steve Welch from the Capital Program Committee suggested the Committee should be larger and be called “Council.”

Mary Longacre expressed the view that the Committee may need to evolve at some point, but not necessarily now.

Joanna Roche commented that the Finance Committee could not field a candidate at this time other than herself.

Upon Motion made and seconded it was unanimously voted:

“The Coastal Resiliency Advisory Committee requests the appointment of two additional seats, one from the Land Bank and one from the Finance Committee or the Capital Program Committee.”

D. Anne Atherton from the public noted that traditionally the Finance Committee discouraged membership on other committees because its role is to provide an independent review of Town issues.

Matt Fee agreed.

Mary Longacre said it will be up to the Select Board to decide.

The Committee then reviewed the questions from the March 22nd meeting for the benefit of those who could not attend.

Expand Scope of Committee?

Jen Karberg said that she did not want to see the discussion diluted with additional issues.

Gary Beller said that the public does not view coastal resilience and climate change as separate issues.

The consensus was not to expand the scope at this time.

More Than Advisory Function?

Vince Murphy - There does not seem to be any appropriate regulatory function for the Committee. The term “Council” does not have an identifiable function. It is just a term.

Ian Golding spoke in favor of an oversight function, but Vince Murphy said that a change would require action at the Annual Town Meeting and that such a change would need to wait until 2023.

Structure to include Sub-Committees?

Peter Brace suggested we create sub-committees as needed.

Sarah Bois - Three people was too few and it was complicated to schedule additional separate meetings for the Education sub-committee.

Jen Karberg - If we create sub-committees maybe they could use the second meeting date each month.

Mat Fee - We may need a sub-committee of four or five people to deliberate on how the Town will pay for the Town's resilience efforts.

Inter-Departmental Working Group?

Vince stated that the discussion of the structure of this group started yesterday at Town level. The discussion arose out of discussions at the March Workshop. Arcadis is preparing a presentation as follow up to the Workshop on the issues of finance and outreach.

PUBLIC COMMENT. None

NEW BUSINESS and COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Department of Natural Resources - Vince is drafting the first Quarterly Report on Coastal Resilience efforts. The Select Board will review the March Workshop at tomorrow night's meeting.

FUTURE MEETING DATES AND TOPICS.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday, April 14 at 11:00 AM and be part of the Woods Hole Group's presentation to the Conservation Commission of resilience efforts.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 10:00 AM. The topic will be a review of the CZM grant application.

The meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th is cancelled.

Remote meetings will continue through June. Thereafter, meetings will be held either in person, or by zoom, or both, depending on the will of the state legislature. The Chair expressed the hope that meetings will continue to be recorded.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

NOTE. There were 15 attendees during the meeting, including 9 committee members and 1 staff.