

## Minutes of Coastal Advisory Commission meeting 19 February 2019

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Louise Pfund, Chair. Present were Frank Snow, Louise Pfund, and Lynda Murray Harding, along with David Ball and Kyle Boyd, Coastal Management Officer.

Louise talked about how we need more members. We have had a few drop out. She plans on speaking to Maura Curran about the Board appointing at least two new members.

We discussed the need for a clear focus and goals; and spoke about what we should accomplish this year and discussion ensued. We spoke about the reports that have been obtained by the town and the importance of us having a base knowledge of the recommendations from the studies to equip us as we share and present findings in future forums with residents of the town. The goal is to have a baseline and then measure it against community input and plan from there.

On that note, Kyle has prepared an executive summary of the major reports for us to use as a starting point. We intend to study as well as the different grant rewards the town has received, the recently completed coastal projects, and the community feedback we have in hand from the "Community Assessment" report and the "Building a Resilient Scituate" forum in July. Kyle and Louise will prepare a report of combined community input from these studies.

In sum, our focus this year should be community engagement, making sense of the studies that have been obtained, and then provide feedback, and possible recommendations to the Board of Selectman.

Kyle Boyd, Coastal Management Officer spoke somewhat about the grants that have been awarded and the report of what the grants have accomplished so far. There are two pending grants that involve Peggotty Beach and the downtown harbor area. There will be more to come on this as the contracts get signed and the project gets underway

We spoke as a group about Harbor flooding, the plan for downtown and we suggested getting some input from the business community, downtown to see what their thoughts and needs were and what we could suggest to the Board to help them. We also discussed our disappointment on the North Scituate beach nourishment project hitting a stall and the need to understand this better with CZM.

David Ball gave us some history of previous reports that have been presented to the town and suggested we should get a report from FEMA as to how many claims have been filed since we have taken steps to prepare our town for the storms, etc. We all want information on how we can improve preparations, and lessen our town's vulnerability for coastal issues.

We spoke about bringing some experts in to give us talks about what can be done to help make us less vulnerable, and ask MAPC if they have any suggestions where we should focus.

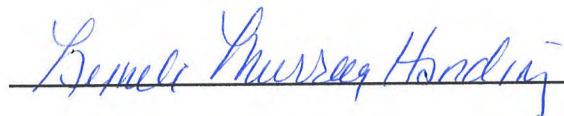
Frank Snow spoke of subcommittees and being careful not to have too many break outs since it is hard to get people to commit to participation in these committees.

He also suggested maybe getting an engineer in to speak to us and suggest his thoughts about some of the reports and ideas and how he/she feels about the results of some of these suggestions.

Our next CAC meetings are scheduled for March 12, April 16 and May 14.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

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