

Newburyport Resiliency Committee (NRC)

October 8, 2020 Meeting

Attendees Donna Holaday, David Chatfield, Jon Eric White, Andy Port, Joe Texiera, Molly Ettenborough, Chris LeClaire

Absent: John O'Connell, Lise Reid, Julia Godtfredson, Bill Mullen, Barry Connell

NRC Mission Statement

The Newburyport Resiliency Committee will analyze, coordinate and develop a plan in conjunction with regional planning efforts to increase community resilience related to sea level rise, storm surge, flooding and extreme weather events throughout the city. Further, the committee will advocate for and oversee implementation of the plan's recommendations

Agenda

1. Formal Approval of the Newburyport Climate Change Resiliency Plan
2. Discussion of the roll out of the Resiliency Plan
3. Discussion of the MVP grant for the WWTF
4. AOB

Formal Approval of the Newburyport Climate Change Resiliency Plan

Over the last several weeks the Mayor completed a review and in addition to minor changes developed updates for the sections on CSOs and sidewalks.

It was agreed that the latest MVP grant of 1M\$ would not be included in the Resiliency Plan. It was also agreed that the action that Andy Port would take the modified spreadsheet of the adaptation strategies and convert to a Word document, assign dept/position responsibilities, eliminate redundant columns and data, remove redundant recommendations provide a numbering system and keep consistent with the Resiliency Plan report would be carried out after the release of the Resiliency Plan.

The issue date for the plan will be 8 October 2020. The date update will be made, the file named Newburyport Climate Resiliency Plan, the file saved as a PDF and the link to the document provided to committee members. **Joe Teixeira – Complete**

Discussion of Resiliency Plan Roll Out

It was decided that the Resiliency Plan would be put on the City website. **A Port (Dianne Boisverta) October 10, 2020**

A link will be provided to City Councilors with a cover note from the Mayor in time for the October 26 Council meeting. **A Port October 20, 2020**

A link for the Resiliency Plan will be sent to the Climate Mayors. **Donna Holaday**

Further roll out plans will be dependent on Council feedback.

It was agreed that discussions will take place with Storm Surge regarding their help with a community presentation with the possibility of an accompanying video. The emphasis should be on what it takes to be a resilient community rather than disasters. Discussion with Storm Surge. **David Chatfield -26 October 2020.**

Status of MVP Action Grant- WWTF

A significant amount of work has gone into the WWTF protection project and the State has approved a 1M\$ grant and this along with two other grants is being reviewed by the council.

AOB

It was discussed that the Resiliency Committee membership needs review with a particular emphasis on what can be achieved in the next three years. Top priorities the Dam spillway and the WWTF. Initial thoughts on membership to be developed. **D Holaday November 19 2020**

Previous meeting action points

The action items from previous meetings are:

- The water supply is very vulnerable. There are interim protections that can be done. These interim protections need to be detailed. **Jon –Eric - Feb 21, 2019 It was discussed that this action is still required. Andy Port agreed to raise the issue with the Water Superintendent December 31st, 2019**
- The emergency vulnerability of Plum Island will be discussed in the New Year at this committee. - **Chris LeClaire TBD**
- Chapters 3 & 4 and the rest of the report will be reviewed for alignment with the City Administration objectives Carry out a review with the Mayor. **Complete**
- It was agreed that Andy Port will take the modified spreadsheet of the adaptation strategies and convert to a Word document, assign dept/position responsibilities, eliminate redundant columns and data, remove redundant recommendations provide a numbering system and keep consistent with the Resiliency Plan report. – **A Port. It was agreed that this would be done following the issue of the Resiliency Plan. No date set.**

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Next Meeting: Thursday November 19th 3:00 pm TO BE CONFIRMED