

Newburyport Resiliency Committee (NRC)

January 14, 2021 Meeting

Attendees : Donna Holaday, David Chatfield, Jon Eric White, Andy Port, Joe Texiera, Molly Ettenborough, and Julia Godtfredson.

Absent: John O'Connell, Lise Reid, Bill Mullen, Barry Connell, Chris LeClaire

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

Previous meeting action points

- Resiliency Plan would be put on the City website. **Complete**
- Resiliency Plan links for the City Councilors **Complete**
- Resiliency Plan links provided to the Climate Mayors. **Complete**
- Start discussions with Storm Surge regarding their help in plan dissemination. **Complete**
- Outline interim protections for the City water supply, current work at the WWTP, and guidelines for building on the waterfront. **A Port**
- Emergency vulnerability of Plum Island **C LeClaire and Julia Godtfredsen**
- Plans for Resiliency committee membership **D Holaday**
- Develop the action items and assigned departments from the resiliency Plan. **A Port Jan 14**
- Draft emergency plan for Plum Island to the Resiliency Committee **C LeClaire Jan 14**
- All committee members are asked to identify potential new members. **All Jan 14**

1. **Water Treatment Facility**- JE White reported that a temporary foundation plan has been submitted for review and approval which would allow for sandbagging the river side of the treatment plant during storms until a more permanent plan can be put in place.
2. **Plum Island planning**- Mayor Holaday reported on recent activities and super sac degradation at Reservation Terrace. The current situation is urgent with storm surge encroaching on the roadway, underground utilities, and houses. The Mayor has spoken with the Lt Governor and Senator Markey but any state or federal measure will take time. Some discussion on isolating homes for the utilities but that would affect as many as 20 homes. Waiting for state response, since it is state property. Julia will sound recent photos.
3. **Resiliency Plan**- D. Chatfield reviewed the plan with Heather Shand of the City Council.
4. **Community Meeting on Resiliency Plan**- Reviewed A Port's draft PPT for community meeting that was based on outline from D. Chatfield. A. Port will update the PPT based on feedback including who is doing what and will review with the Mayor. Discussions included putting an emphasis on the city being and coming resilient in addition to outlining the issues and problems we have and face in the future. M. Ettenborough will set up a meeting what NGrid after the public presentation to discuss the vulnerability issues associated with the substation on Water Street.
5. **Resiliency brochure**- Julia heard back from Bill Goff who produced the PI Brochure and he is interested in helping and will met after community presentation to discuss.

Follow-up: Resiliency Plan Community Presentation will be held virtually on February 18 2021 – A Port will set up. **Next Committee Meeting:** February 3 at 3 pm via zoom MME will set up.