

## **Newburyport Resiliency Committee (NRC)**

### **December 10, 2020 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

- o Resiliency Plan would be put on the City website. **Complete**
- o Resiliency Plan links for the City Councilors **Complete**
- o Resiliency Plan links provided to the Climate Mayors. **Complete**
- o Start discussions with Storm Surge regarding their help in plan dissemination. **Complete**
- o Outline interim protections for the City water supply, current work at the WWTP, and guidelines for building on the waterfront. **A Port**
- o Emergency vulnerability of Plum Island **C LeClaire and Julia Godtfredsen**
- Plans for Resiliency committee membership **D Holaday**

1. The Resiliency Plan on the web site- the plan is now located under Planning Dept. and Recycling, Energy, Sustainability Dept.

2. The Resiliency Plan link for the city councilors was sent to the City Council and referred to the Planning and Development committee. A discussion of the plan was held with the Chair of the Planning Committee and Councilor Heather Shand has called David Chatfield to review the plan. **D Chatfield 20 December 2020**

3. Mayor Holaday has sent the link to Climate Mayors as well as to the cities of Salem and Beverly, who are just beginning their Resiliency Plan. Climate Mayors will be chaired by Boston Mayor Marty Walsh this year and Mayor Holaday will share our plan in a monthly meeting during the New Year.

The Mayor also mentioned that there is an organization, <https://driveevfleets.org/> that we should look into. Molly mentioned that the city is currently working with NGrid on the following project to develop a plan to electrify our entire municipal fleet.

National Grid Fleet Advisory Services Program | [FleetAdvisoryMA@icf.com](mailto:FleetAdvisoryMA@icf.com)

4. Education and Awareness- Plan dissemination with Storm Surge- David has spoken with Bill Clary of Storm Surge and they are not able to have a lead role in helping to educate residents about the plan due to other priorities. However they will support the plan and could assist on specific parts of the plan. David suggested that we work to get the plan out in various forms to other stakeholders such as the chamber, Realtors Association, Rotary Club, business park, etc. in several formats. Those formats include:

- a. David will develop a high level outline for a PPT presentation (to be given the public and City Council in the New Year) by December 20. **D Chatfield 20 December**
- b. Andy/Molly/Julia will utilize David's outline to develop a rough draft of the PPT to review with the Resiliency Committee on January 14 (Zoom appt. has been scheduled). Jon

Eric will contribute with a couple of slides on protection measures that are underway. **JE White/ A Port/J Godtfredsen/M Ettenborough Jan 14**

c. A final PPT presentation will be delivered to the City Council and the public on January 27 (this has not been scheduled as of Dec 10). **A Port January 14**

d. Andy will develop the action items and assigned departments, as done in the master plan, for the resiliency plan by mid-January. The Planning Department will be the keeper of the resiliency plan, actions and development. **A Port February**

e. Julia will call Bill Goff to see if he can help us design and develop a brochure that describes the main points of the resiliency plan as a handout for the public. **J Godtfredsen Jan 14**

5. Emergency vulnerability of Plum Island- Mayor Holaday will discuss developing emergency planning and education for islanders with MRBA next week. The Ward 1 councilor also is interested in a presentation to the community. It was discussed that Chief Le Clair along with Jamie Tuccolo present a draft plan to the Resiliency Committee in February for the future community presentation. **D Holaday December 18 and C LeClaire Jan 14**

6. Resiliency Committee- Seeking volunteer committee members will be announced at the January. **D Chatfield Jan 27**

All committee members are asked to identify potential new members. **All Jan 14**

Julia also mentioned utilizing high school students. Molly will mention it to the E-Club and engineering program at NHS. **M Ettenborough Jan 14**

7. Other-

a. The PI Foundation is looking for more bags for southern end of Reservation Terrace. The **Mayor and Julia** will meet with a beach erosion consultant to see if PI can be a pilot site for his work.

b. WWTF- WWTF and rail trail work began this week. Jan/Feb retaining walls and revetment will begin.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday January 14th 2:00 pm