

Newburyport Resiliency Committee (NRC)
March 18, 2021 Meeting Notes

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. Previous meeting action points
 - a. Emergency vulnerability of Plum Island C LeClaire and Julia Godtfredsen **postponed**
 - b. Plans for Resiliency committee membership. The Mayor decided that David, Molly and Julia should vet the candidates and then forward recommended candidates to the Mayor. D Holaday – **Complete**
2. Resiliency Plan Roll Out – **David Chatfield**
 - a. Feedback on Feb 18 Community presentation. Mainly positive feedback. Some comments that the presentation concentrated on examples of flooding and not on the implementation plans.
 - b. Feedback on EDAC presentation. Presentation made and generally positive feedback.
 - c. Rotary presentation given by Bill Clary of Storm Surge. , again generally positive feedback.
 - d. Future roll out groups. To be proposed – **David Chatfield April 15th**.
3. Communication Enhancements
 - a. Resiliency Brochure – Not discussed at this meeting
 - b. Storm Surge Speaker Series Plans – **Sarah Tappan** will present an update at the next meeting.
 - c. Next steps on communication, realtors, Industrial Park, City employees, to be proposed – **David Chatfield April 15th**.
4. Infrastructure Updates
 - a. WWTP protection – no update
 - b. Reservoir Protection – no update
 - c. Plum Island infrastructure protection – **Julia Godtfredsen reported** that coir bags with a wood framework has been proposed and options will be progressed at the March 19th MRBA meeting.
 - d. Review National Grid infrastructure change documentation. – not discussed
5. Regulatory & Administrative Updates
 - a. Zoning – On hold
6. Organization

a. Resiliency Committee membership update

Six excellent candidates have been vetted. Their names will be forwarded to the Mayor and it is suggested that all six be appointed in time for the next resiliency committee meeting in April.

In addition to the regular membership the High School has put forward four student names who are interested in the topic. It is recommended that all four be invited to participate in resiliency committee work. It is suggested that the students have an opportunity to attend the resiliency committee meetings. In addition, we would request that the students review the plan and work on some selected topics.

b. Discussion on approach to Resiliency Plan Actions. It was agreed that the “new “ resiliency committee” be briefed on the complete spreadsheet of recommended actions and that they then decide on an approach to the issue. MVP action grants were discussed and it was agreed that having projects ready to go forward is desirable. This also gives us the opportunity to invite MVP coordinators to discuss the projects before an application is made.

7. AOB none

Next Committee Meeting: Thursday April 21 2021 at 3 pm via zoom