

Newburyport Resiliency Committee (NRC) March 21 2019 Meeting

Attendees Michael Morris, Molly Ettenborough, Jon-Eric White, Joe Teixeira, Donna Holaday, Julia Godtfredsen, John O'Connell. Absent: David Chatfield, Barry Connell, Christopher LeClaire, Bill Mullen, Matt Coogan, and Lise Reid.

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

- Approval of March 7th minutes
- Review of outstanding action points from previous meetings
- Review of Resiliency Plan Implementation Chapter - Michael Morris
- MVP Implementation Grant Prioritization J Godtfredsen
- MVP top project grant preparation – JE White
- Emergency Vulnerability of Plum Island – C LeClaire – Postponed as Chris not available

Previous minutes and review of previous meeting action points

Minutes from March 7th 2018 were approved.

The status of action items from previous meetings is:

- It was agreed that all committee members would send further input on this chapter to Mike. **Complete**
- The maps need to be generated for the report. Joe Teixeira – **We have not found a solution for generating the maps we want showing FEMA +SLR. Other solutions will be sought.**
- 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 Not complete but need to focus on getting resiliency plan done.**
- Arrange a meeting to occur in the next month with National Grid. **Barry Connell Feb 1 No meeting set up as yet.**
- Develop more background to the CSO issue. **Chris Boelke – Jan 25. Chris is unable to do this. The Mayor will set a meeting with David & Mike to provide input April 1 Donna Holaday.**
- The report writer will review the CSP section. **Complete**
- The section on public health needs to be reviewed by the City nurse. **Molly Ettenborough – Feb 7 No input as yet**
- A framework for the adaptation strategies will be developed, it was suggested that this should identify likely funding sources . **complete**
- A sub committee will meet several times before the next meeting to consider adaptation strategies particularly as the MVP implementation grants will be checking that MVP priorities are taken into account. **Complete**

- A suggested new target date for completion of the Resiliency Plan of April 18th will be discussed with the Mayor. **Complete**
- identify the top three priorities and then circulate to the rest of the Resiliency Plan Committee for comments. **Julia Godtfredsen & Jon Eric White Jan 31 To be discussed at today's meeting**
- Summary to be added to the Technical sub committee report on flood design levels and the report released. **The report is released.**
- Release the Resiliency Committee article to the daily News. **Complete**
- A City councilor to be identified as a potential speaker at the Green Expo **Barry Connell – cant but Charlie Tontar may be able to.**
- Details regarding the Green Expo will be circulated to the committee members. **Complete**
- The Technical sub committee report on flood design levels should be sent to the Conservation Commission once reviewed by the Mayor. **Jon Eric White – Feb 28**
- The emergency vulnerability of Plum Island will be discussed in the New Year at this committee. - **Chris LeClaire March 21 2019. A new completion date will be agreed with Chris David Chatfield March 28**

Resiliency Plan Write up

A review of Chapter 6 “Implementation” was lead by Michael Morris.

Mike will incorporate the discussion points in the next version. **Mike Morris April 4th.**

Work is still required on developing maps that will illustrate our vulnerabilities. **Mike Morris April 11th.**

An executive summary needs to be developed further which will include chapter summaries. **Mike Morris April 11th.**

Complete draft available for review. **Mike Morris April 15th**

It had been targeted to have a presentation and discussion with the City Council in February/March 2019 before the report will be finalized. At that time a presentation to the public will be considered. However the timeline is slipping. There is a new target date of April 18th

MVP Implementation Grant Project Prioritization

The discussion identified the top 3 priorities:

- WWTF protection
- Artichoke Reservoir Contamination Infiltration protection
- Plum Island accessibility

MVP top project grant preparation

Next Grant round needs submissions by April 19. Contractor currently working on a MVP implementation grant will be contacted to develop next grant application for the WWTF. **Donna Holaday April 1**

Consultant identified to write the grant associated with the Artichoke water supply protection. **Jon Eric White April**

Emergency Vulnerability of Plum Island

It was agreed that Newburyport will support the Newbury application for a MVP grant regarding the options for Plum Island accessibility. Julia mike and David will attend a meeting on Newbury's grant application. **David Chatfield, Mike Morris and Julia Godtfredsen March 26**

Next Meeting: Thursday April 18th 3:00 pm