**Newburyport Resiliency Committee (NRC) March 7**

**2019 Meeting**

**Attendees** Michael Morris, Molly Ettenborough, Jon-Eric White, Joe Teixeira, David Chatfield,

Absent: Donna Holaday, Julia Godtfredsen, John O’Connell, Lise Reid, Barry Connell, Bill Mullen, Christopher LeClaire, Matthew Coogan, and Chris Boelke

**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 January 17th minutes

·  Review of outstanding action points from previous meetings

·  Review of draft plan sections - Michael Morris

·  AOB

o Green Expo progress

**Previous minutes and review of previous meeting action points** Minutes from January 17th 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 – **Needs discussion**
* 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**
* Arrange a meeting to occur in the next month with National Grid. **Barry Connell Feb 1**
* Develop more background to the CSO issue. **Chris Boelke – Jan 25**.
* 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**
* 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 18thwill 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**
* 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 - Jan 25**
* 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 5 “Adaptation Strategies” was lead by Michael Morris.

A sub committee consisting of Michael Morris, Jon-Eric White, Joe Teixeira, David Chatfield, Julia Godtfredsen, and Lise Reid met three times to discuss the Adaptation Strategies and their input has been included in the latest version.

The community wide adaptation strategies were discussed at this meeting and no changes made.

The outline of the Chapter on Implementation was discussed and it was agreed that the requirement to provide budgetary construction cost estimates would be dropped.

It was agreed that the Conservation Commission regulations will be a major tool for preventing building further vulnerable buildings. The use of overlay districts does increase complexity but can be a further tool.

One of the problems in presenting information to the public regarding flood levels is the fact that FEMA flood levels maps have steps between different sections. It appears that FEMA are aware of the issue but have not yet implemented changes.

This might warrant us formally requesting changes to the FEMA maps.

Further input regarding all chapters is requested from all committee members to get the report finished.

**All March 20**

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

**Any Other Business**

* The Greater Newburyport Green Expo, will be held on April 11 2019 at the Newburyport Nock Middle School. This Expo will provide Greater Newburyport businesses, schools and citizens with the opportunity to expand their knowledge about the Newburyport city commitments to sustainability and renewable energy (Net Zero), zero waste, green/sustainable products, jobs, career training, services and information that will help us address the challenges of the cost reductions, energy use, trash and food waste, and operating in a more sustainable manner. The Green Expo will include the Mayor speaking on Green issues, there will be an exhibitor area, a non-profit exhibit area, smaller issue presentations, school presentations are and a Repair Café.

There is buy in by the schools, other ad hoc city committees and the Chamber.  
A City councilor to be identified as a potential speaker at the Green Expo.

**Next Meeting**: Thursday March 21st 3:00 pm