

Newburyport Resiliency Committee (NRC) Notes from May 8th
2018 Planning Meeting

- **Attendees**
David Chatfield, Molly Ettenborough, Julia Godtfredson
- **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.
- **Municipality Vulnerability Plan (MVP)**
 - **Action Items**
Our consultant Ellie Bake of Horsley Witten Group provided the revised prioritized Action Items. The modifications suggested at the last NRC meeting have been included and will be included in the MVP report. The report will be issued by Ellie this week.
 - **Listening Session**
As a condition of the grant the City needs to have a public meeting (listening session). The guidelines (see attached) were reviewed and the following arrangements developed:
 - **Date and time:** June 28th 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
 - **Location:** City Hall auditorium (booked)
 - It was agreed to take Mike Morris up on his offer to use Storm Surge to use their network to advertise the meeting.
 - An agenda for the meeting based on meeting the guidelines will be generated and reviewed with the mayor (**Molly Ettenborough by May 17-attached**). The likely order will be:
 - M Morris as the leader from Storm Surge will introduce the session, identify the NRC members, and outline the session agenda.
 - D Chatfield will review purpose, intent, objectives, and outcomes of the MVP workshop process. Then the seven prioritized action items will be outlined.
 - Question and answers will be taken and the feedback documented regarding the seven action items. Different members of the NRC will be nominated to be the lead for each action item.
 - Question and answers will be taken regarding any other aspects of the MVP and the feedback documented.
 - Mayor will summarize and thank the participants.
 - Time will be given for members of the public to submit written comments on index cards. The comments will

be included with the MVP report along with the other feedback.

- A first draft of a PP presentation will be developed. **(Molly Ettenborough by May 31).**

- Grants

Three grants associated with MVP items have been identified. There is a MVP action grant that needs to be submitted by May 18. Currently Jon Eric White is working with Nancy London on an application to cover elevations for the development of protection for the WWTP.

There is a Coastal resiliency grant administered by the CZM. Currently Jon Eric White and Julia Godtfredson are working on a grant for an engineering study to protect Cashman Park. This is aimed at protecting the boat ramp, playing fields, pump station, dog park, and rail trail from flooding. Concern was expressed in the meeting that this was not in line with the MVP priorities and may not make for a successful grant application. **(This has been reviewed with Jon Eric White, Nancy London and Julia and is proceeding).**

There is a Coastal Pollution and Remediation grant. No suitable projects have been identified.

It was requested that Julia and Jon Eric along with Nancy review the grant applications. The opportunity to make the MVP application include multiple action items from the MVP. If the process is similar to the Green grant program then this will be allowed. Projects for inclusion could include WWTP protection, artichoke reservoir protection, Bartlett Spring dam protection, create an inventory along with status of coastal infrastructure regarding efficacy versus potential future inundation risks. **(Jon Eric White by May 18).**

- Resiliency Plan

- Capture Resiliency Plan action points with responsibilities and start and end dates if possible. **(David Chatfield by June 18)**
- Determine if the City has money for writing the plan. If so decide who will write (3 potential candidates identified). This to be discussed with the Mayor. **(Meeting with Mayor on May 23 to discuss)**
- If no money available cut and paste from existing plans i.e. State plan Great Marsh plan, MVP, EPA. A very rough draft will be developed. **(David Chatfield by August 9)**

- Community Rating System (CRS)

- Need to confirm if there is any energy and resource to start the CRS process if no additional funds are secured. This will be discussed with the Mayor **(Meeting with Mayor on May 23 to discuss).**

- Need to confirm that Newburyport would be interested in and consider a shared Resiliency Officer as proposed by the HKS students. It would be expected that S Moulton's office or MVPC would take the lead. This will be discussed with the Mayor (**Meeting with Mayor on May 23 to discuss**).
- D Chatfield will attend the HKS student presentation to S Moulton and report back to the committee. (**David Chatfield by May 15**)

- **Emergency Planning**

At the last Resiliency Committee meeting the need for a review of City Emergency response plans was raised. It is proposed that the way forward is:

- Identify all existing emergency Plans:
 - Snow and Ice Plan
 - REPC
 - Seabrook Nuclear plan
 - Multi Hazard plan
 - City Hall plan
 - Water Department
 - WWTP Plan
 - DPS office plan
 - Others?
- Agree method of collection of existing plans, review of plans, modification of plans to include resiliency issues and accessibility of plans to appropriate audiences.
- Identify which 3rd party organizations should be providing plans to the City and identify any gaps.
- Review proposed approach and modify as appropriate. (**Christopher LeClaire May 31**)