

## Newburyport Resiliency Committee (NRC)

### June 16, 2020 Meeting

**Attendees** Donna Holaday, David Chatfield, Jon Eric White, Andy Port, Julia Godtfredsen, Joe Teixeira, Molly Ettenborough, and Bill Mullen.

Absent: John O'Connell 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

1. Status of Mayor's review of the Resiliency Plan
2. Status of current MVP action grant project
3. Status of MVP grant applications
4. Update on Audubon project at the Joppa marsh
5. Update on Newbury and West Newbury MVP plans.
6. Discussion of Storm Surge idea of Resilience information videos
7. AOB

### Previous meeting action points

The action items from previous meetings are:

- 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, 2019 It was discussed that this action is still required. Andy Port agreed to raise the issue with the Water Superintendent December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020**
- The emergency vulnerability of Plum Island will be discussed in the New Year at this committee. - **Chris LeClaire TBD**
- Chapters 3 & 4 and the rest of the report will be reviewed for alignment with the City Administration objectives Carry out a review with the Mayor. **A Port & M Coogan Jan 30 2020, currently under review with Mayor Holaday.**
- It was agreed that Andy Port will take the modified spreadsheet of the adaptation strategies and convert to a Word document, assign dept/position responsibilities, eliminate redundant columns and data, remove redundant recommendations provide a numbering system and keep consistent with the Resiliency Plan report. – **A Port Dec 24, 2019-will complete after DDH's review.**

### Discussion

1. **Status of Mayor's review of the Resiliency Plan**- the Mayor had been working on a previous copy prior to Joe T. changes. She was sent that final version during this meeting and will make her previous changes and future changes on that version.

Overall, the Mayor is pleased with the document and its level of detail and comprehensive content. She briefly reviewed her current changes and will make those in tracked changes on the latest version going forward as she completes her review. **Donna Holaday July 16 2020**

Once the Mayor has completed her changes and the committee reviews those, Andy Port develop the action items list, similar to the Master Plan. **Andy Port July 16 2020**

2. **Status of MVP Action Grant**- the \$71k grant has been spent and completed, for design of the WWTF resiliency measures.

3. **Status of MVP grant applications**- Geordie Vining and Nancy London are working on the current grant application to be used for resiliency construction measures at the WWTF. It is due this week and no delays expected.

4. **Update on Audubon project at Joppa marsh.** David Chatfield has spoken to David Moon of the Audubon and it would be beneficial if the city continue to stay in touch with the project. Julia G. will call David Moon. **Julia Godtfredson July 16 2020**

5. **Update on Newbury MVP plans**-Andy Port reviewed the analyst's work that will be taking place to review cost/value benefits of Plum Island infrastructure improvements, impacts of storms, data collection, etc. This will consist of working with Horsley Whitten and a volunteer community group that has not met yet. Newburyport representation has been outlined and requested.

**West Newbury-** West Newbury have completed their MVP certification and Listening session.

6. **Storm Surge (SS)**- have offered to assist the City with communication videos regarding resiliency. It was decided that once the NRC has completed the plan then discussions will be held with SS to determine how they can help with communicating findings to the public. **David Chatfield August 16 2020**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday July 16th 3:00 pm