

Newburyport Resiliency Committee (NRC)
September 19, 2019 Meeting

Attendees Michael Morris, Molly Ettenborough, David Chatfield, John O'Connell
Absent: Donna Holaday, Julia Godtfredsen, Lise Reid, Barry Connell, Joe Teixeira
Jon-Eric White, 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

- Review of DRAFT Resiliency Plan
- AOB

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 & JE White–**Complete**
- 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 - Complete**
- The section on public health needs to be reviewed by the City nurse. **Molly Ettenborough - Feb 7**
- identify the top three priorities and then circulate to the rest of the Resiliency Plan Committee for comments. **Julia Godtfredsen & Jon Eric White Complete**
- The emergency vulnerability of Plum Island will be discussed in the New Year at this committee. - **Chris LeClaire TBD**

Resiliency Plan Write up

Six meetings have been held to continue the review of the draft Resiliency Plan. Following today's review it was agreed that Mike Morris has enough feedback to complete a next draft. **M. Morris October 10th.**

All committee members are asked to review the next draft when Mike issues it and then we can make final revisions at our next scheduled Resiliency Committee meeting on October 17th. **All Oct 17th 2019**

Any Other Business

Julia Godtfredsen reported that the rebuilding of the dune protecting Reservation terrace has been completed. The residents provided \$21,000 for the purchase of sand.

Two committee members attended an informational meeting on MVP grants in Chelmsford. (John O'Connell, and David Chatfield). Applications should be consistent with MVP recommendations and priorities, show an emphasis on environmental justice, show basis for climate change data, and include elements of community engagement. The project assessments emphasize natural solutions over hard structures. There will be an emphasis on solutions as opposed to research. The grants can run over one of the financial year-end deadlines, however the spend per year has to be identified and priority will be given to earlier completion dates.

The RFP is due to be issued by the end of the September and will include the scoring template. It would be advantageous to have a preliminary meeting with Michelle Rowden, the MVP northeast MVP coordinator.

Input from the Resiliency Committee regarding Waterfront West has been provided to the Planning Director and the City Council.

Two committee members (Julia Godtfredsen and David Chatfield) attended a meeting with the Audubon organization who are looking to carry out experiments with living shorelines. This project would be a model for Newburyport.

Next Meeting: Thursday October 17th 3:00 pm