The Coastal Resiliency Action Committee  
MEETING MINUTES - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019  
Old Water Department, Falmouth Town Hall, 4:00 p.m.

Present:  Charles McCaffrey, Chair  
Andrew Ashton  
Paul Dreyer  
Jennifer McKay, Administrator – Conservation Commission  

Absent:  Jamie Mathews, Melissa Freitag, Vice-Chair, Ed Schmitt, Brendan Lynch, Conservation Agent  
Also present:  Mark Gurnee, Conservation Commission  

Mr. McCaffrey opened the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Discuss potential projects for MVP Action Grant & CZM Coastal Resiliency Grant  
Mr. Dreyer explained his draft on the MVP potential projects and presented a copy of it to the members. Ms. McKay agreed to circulate the report to town departments and DEP people who may have meaningful input. Should it be an action or planning grant? Mr. McCaffrey noted that it is not eligible for a planning grant. He talked with Elise and Joe Famly and asked them about the Vulnerability Assessment. The Model has no wave energy, just flood elevation. There are no waves they could use to assign a higher level of damage in the V zone. Maybe they could add that. We should meet with them to discuss informally some things re the Model. Elise will be at the meeting on the 26th and the members can discuss potential additions to the Vulnerability Assessment and grant ideas. We have been invited to see their office and we could discuss some things informally at that time. Ms. McKay will send copies of Mr. Dreyer’s draft to Tom Bot (Town Planner) Peter McConarty (Public Works), Jim McGloughlin (Engineering) and Mary Schumacher and Jamie Mathews (Conservation Commission). Without the benefit of the report at this time, do we have any ideas on a project design on wetlands being made more resilient? There are lots of ideas, i.e. the back of the mall, Wild Harbor, the pond in Woods Hole that is problematic. There are houses in Silver Beach that are going to be part of the wetlands eventually. Should we open it up to someone else, i.e. the 300 Committee? They might have a different approach.

Discuss Vulnerability Assessment  
In discussing the Vulnerability Assessment with Elise she explained the terms and approach. She made some adjustments to the scale. Ms. McKay assigned department heads to describe certain assets. It’s important that they understand the meaning behind the study. It was noted that if they don’t submit their assets they won’t get prioritized. It’s all about the scoring. We have not received any results, but the modeling workload is getting done. We could be looking at assets and using a different model. There has been a request from Pat Murphy with the School Department about an ability that the School Committee to be brought into the discussion. A question arose as to whether we will see a sea level rise inundation line in 2030 and 2070? That
hasn’t been done before – just flooding maps with sea level added to it. There is a 100% chance of some areas getting flooded every year. The Assessment will give us a preliminary set of maps that we can review. The Vulnerability Assessment was well attended and good questions were asked. It was suggested that another meeting be held with the working staff group to go over consensus scoring. If there is a large deviation we’ll have to meet about that and decide how we want to rank that asset. After we see what the assets look like we may come up with areas we hadn’t thought of. We should have a complete consensus score by the end of the month. Paul Kirschchen is working with Woods Hole Group on this project.

**Update of Menauhant Beach Report**
The Menauhant Beach Report project was approved last night with groynes by the Selectmen. Now they can apply for a permit, but there is a long way to go before it comes to be. Ray Jack’s presentation was well done. A question arose re the permit and if it’s denied would they go back to plan B?

It was asked if Ray might have presented more financial information? It was stated that the financial information was presented in a different way. Was the information discounted? It was agreed that it was not. If any other analysis exists, can we ask for that information? Ms. McKay stated that the Conservation Commission can ask for it. A bit more time should be spent on the financial aspect. Re the negative effects of the groins, John Ramsey was defensive on the subject. Ms. McKay will ask for the presentation by Ray Jack and pass it on the members.

Mr. Dreyer: Move to adjourn.
Mr. Ashton: Second.
Mr. McCaffrey: Unanimous, so moved.

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Cronin, Recording Secretary