

The Coastal Resiliency Action Committee  
**MEETING MINUTES - TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018**  
Town of Falmouth Library, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Charles McCaffrey, Chair  
Melissa Freitag, Vice-Chair  
Jamie Mathews  
Paul Dreyer  
Andrew Ashton  
Ed Schmitt

Absent: Jennifer McKay, Conservation Commission Administrator

Mr. McCaffrey: I knew about the availability of the MA Action Grants funds, but was not sure if we are eligible because we weren't an MVP Town yet. I did find out that we are eligible and can apply for them. I would like to reflect on our priority items in the draft report. I inquired if our \$80,000 in cash could be considered as a match? The answer is yes and it makes us very competitive. The Selectmen approved the grant application last night. The State didn't release the funds until recently. Sue Moran (Chair of the Board of Selectmen) sent a memo to Julian Suso, and the DPW and Jen McKay and I met with Peter McConarty and Jim McLaughlin. We began looking at Trunk River and moving the sewer, sediment analysis and dredging materials, improving the revetment at Falmouth Heights Road, Menauhant Beach – what are we doing there, should we build the bridge?

A discussion followed on how to allocate the \$80,000 since it is now co-opted and merged. Basically the work the Committee has done has changed into another grant. The Committee will continue with the first vulnerability study. If we get the grant we can add the other tasks. The work has to be done by June 30, 2019. We need to involve higher ups – Julian Suso, Ray Jack, Peter McConarty, Jen and Charlie and center on beaches and how they will be maintained, nourishment, etc. What defenses are appropriate, how will the beaches respond, if there is a breach, do we close the breach or not. It may be smart to apply and have a permit in hand before a breach can occur. A consultant will do an analysis and then have a plan for breaches. In conclusion: Municipal Vulnerability Assessment, analysis of our beaches, breach consistency plan. It was suggested that we focus on beach nourishment, not breaches. Surprise was expressed at the change in direction, but all believe it is clever to leverage funds. This may help identify areas that we intend to apply for State funding. It will give the Committee more understanding of our beaches and their various roles because our beaches are our most vulnerable asset. What is the scope of work for these 3 activities? It was agreed that the Committee could take the Woods Hole Group work for #1. We will need more money for all of the coastline. There is a need to know how the dune will respond. Are we locked into \$320,000 or can it be split up for different things? There will have to be an itemized budget. Usually you can use the money when needed. We could send out one RFP, but reserve the right to choose different people for the different tasks. As long as we reserve the right to choose different consultants, they could bid on one or more. Would it make more sense to issue different RFP's?

This is effectively doing this by saying they could bid on one or more of them. Mr. McCaffrey will send some notes and bullet points on the scope to the Committee members. The deadline is a week from Friday. Data from tonight should be included and priorities should be in the right order. We will still get \$200,000 worth of information we need. Is the breach a priority? We're trying to solve a few issues and the State hasn't been that receptive to filling holes. If we have a storm this year we may not be ready to abandon Surf Drive and Chappoquoit Road. The Vulnerability Risk assessment could be more general. It was suggested that the Committee try to tack a little more onto the \$80,000 so we can see what our assets are and then what we need to solve. The State will move quickly or they won't. We can still go forward with the Municipal Vulnerability Study. The Town will be receptive to doing that. Mr. McCaffrey feels that the timing is right – we have the \$80,000 that has just been approved by the Finance Committee. Peter Johnson-Staub said he will take care of it and the Selectmen have already approved this. We may need to have a special meeting next week.

Discuss & Vote Potential Coastal Resiliency Grant Application  
The Committee did not discuss the above as the focus has changed.

## **MINUTES**

4/24/2018

Mr. Mathews: Move to adopt the minutes as written.

Mr. Ashton: Second.

Mr. McCaffrey: Unanimous, so moved.

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program Listening Session  
The Committee members went on to the Listening Session at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Mathews: Move to adjourn

Mr. Ashton: Second.

Mr. McCaffrey: Unanimous, so moved.

The meeting (Listening Session) ended at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Cronin, Recording Secretary