

The Coastal Resiliency Action Committee  
**MEETING MINUTES - TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019**  
Old Water Department, Falmouth Town Hall, 4:00 p.m.

Present: Charles McCaffrey, Chair  
Melissa Freitag, Vice-Chair  
Jamie Mathews  
Andrew Ashton  
Paul Dreyer  
Jennifer McKay, Conservation Commission Administrator

Absent: Ed Schmitt

Mr. McCaffrey opened the meeting at 4: 04 p.m.

**Discuss and prepare application to CZM Coastal Resiliency Grant Program**

Mr. McCaffrey: I talked to the Center for Coastal Studies and they thought that they would not be interested in being a lead on our grant but would be willing to support someone like John Ramsey. They are willing to give us ideas. I sent Andrew's draft to them. We can ask WHG questions (how the grant will fit in with the Assessment) but we will draft the grant.

Mr. Ashton: This is different than a construction project.

Mr. McCaffrey: Right, but we would have to see how much they would charge.

Mr. McKay: I checked with the Finance Director and the Committee can issue an RFP once the grant is awarded but before we sign the contract. She recommends against it, however, because if you say it is contingent upon being awarded a grant, no one will look at it.

Mr. McCaffrey: The grant is due on June 3rd and I worry that there will not be enough time to secure a consultant at that point. We can be talking with WHG, the Center for Coastal Studies and John Ramsey and we will probably get enough information.

Mr. Mathews: Do we know what this will cost? We could ask for \$125,000 and it may cost \$250,000. I understand the Finance Director's opinion but it doesn't make any sense.

Mr. McCaffrey: No usually you would have a consultant chosen.

Ms. McKay: Brewster had a sediment budget of \$54,900.

Mr. Mathews: But how much less of a shoreline do they have?

Ms. McKay: The Menauhant Beach study by CZM cost \$125,000. The Vulnerability Assessment was \$80,000.

Ms. Freitag: Then we are talking about \$250,000. We could ask for \$200,000 and use our \$50,000.

Mr. McCaffrey: You can only get so much for \$200,000.

Ms. Freitag: What about an RFQ? Could we do that?

Ms. McKay: I'll ask.

Mr. Ashton: I think we can ask WHG about how much they think it will cost.

Ms. McKay: The sediment budget was done by the Center for Coastal Studies for \$54,000. If it's more of a modeling outcome you're looking for it will be a lot more than \$54,000.

Mr. McCaffrey: I think we can assume it will cost about \$200,000. Let's talk with the Center for Coastal Studies and WHG and ask them what they think this would cost? John Ramsey may be able to give us ball park figures.

Ms. McKay: One grant last year awarded by CZM was close to \$500,000 but it was construction related. The lowest was \$12,000.

Ms. McKay: We will need a working title for your Selectmen meeting Monday night.

Ms. Freitag: Defining a Sediment Budget.

Mr. McCaffrey: We will have to find a consultant by the time the contract is signed.

Ms. McKay: We should submit the grant application and start working on an RFP and then we'll be ready to start when the time comes.

Mr. Ashton: No one else in Town is interested in this program?

Ms. McKay: No.

Ms. Freitag: We will have the 2050 map from the Vulnerability Assessment by then.

Mr. McCaffrey: Some of the draft is repetitive. .

Mr. Dreyer: This could be a major study.

Ms. McKay: We should stay in line with the MVP grant.

Mr. Dreyer: There are good concepts here. We will have the results of the Vulnerability Assessment before this goes forward.

Mr. Ashton: Big storms have to be added to run of the mill little storms. We need sea level rise in here to make a model.

Mr. McCaffrey: This is more for the near term.

Mr. Dreyer: Can we determine borrow areas? And inland sources?

Ms. McKay: In the description make it like a scope of services – Task one, Task two, etc. (to Mr. McCaffrey).

Ms. McKay: Once we know the Project Manager and partners we will issue an RFP. The application process has to be followed.

Mr. McCaffrey: It's the same process as I have done for an earlier grant.

Ms. Freitag: They are looking for nature-based storm protection. Artificial reefs might dampen the size of waves.

Ms. McKay: Is there environmental justice on the Buzzards Bay side?

Mr. Dreyer: The outcome will be new bylaws. We should be more creative and add more potential benefits.

Ms. McKay: There is a specific way the grant has to be structured.

Mr. Dreyer: I know, but can't we add more creative writing?

Ms. Freitag: Yes.

Mr. McCaffrey: It must be something we can use for immediate projects.

Ms. McKay: Everything is awarded points. Look at the point status on each paragraph. The project description is awarded the most = 20pts. The only areas of environmental justice are Teaticket, a spot on the Harbor, and the area south of Main St.

Mr. McCaffrey: If you only looked at the permanent population it tends to be poor. Dividing up the work: Paul will look at the Fit; Andrew will look at #1 and all things the Town is doing; for #2, stress the Vulnerability Assessment and MVP; in the Climate Adaption section, describe the results and detailed recommendations from the study by the Coastal Working Group: Focus on what we've done, i.e. specifics of the Vulnerability Assessment. Include the information from the Coastal Resiliency Working Group study that looks at upland development.

Ms. McKay: I will get letters of support from the Conservation Commission, the Selectmen, the 300 Committee, the Salt Pond Bird Sanctuaries, APCC, Audubon.

Mr. McCaffrey: I will get letters from State Legislators.

Ms. McKay: I need a detailed scope of work and details of the budget for the Finance Committee.

Mr. Ashton: Each of us should work on the draft digitally.

Mr. McCaffrey: Yes.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday the 21st.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

*Committee will consider any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.*

Ms. McKay: FEMA is coming to start the CRS process. Molly? is very thorough.

Mr. Dreyer: FEMA is becoming more active. There is a report from the Cape Cod Commission that makes two references to what we're talking about. There is not a lot of stuff, but we should make reference to it.

## **VOTE MINUTES**

The minutes will be voted at the next meeting.

Mr. Mathews: Move to adjourn.

Ms. Freitag: Second.

Mr. McCaffrey: Unanimous, so moved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Cronin, Recording Secretary