

The Coastal Resiliency Action Committee
MEETING MINUTES – MAY 28, 2019
Old Water Department, Falmouth Town Hall, 4:00 p.m.

Present: Charles McCaffrey, Chair
Jamie Mathews
Paul Dreyer
Jennifer McKay, Conservation Commission Administrator

Absent: Melissa Freitag, Vice-Chair, Andrew Ashton, Ed Schmitt

Mr. McCaffrey opened the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

Discuss and prepare application to CZM Coastal Resiliency Grant Program

Ms. McKay: Ms. Freitag sent a draft that we should go over. All the words that are underlined and in capitals are questions for the Committee. In the Climate Adaption section – primary drivers - she wants to know if we should list a few of the DCPC areas. Ms. McKay doesn't think so.

Mr. McCaffrey: I agree.

Ms. McKay: In the Further Studies section Ms. Freitag asks if the studies we included should be put in chronological order.

Mr. McCaffrey: We may not put some of them in there.

Ms. McKay: Ms. Freitag feels that we should include a sentence or two from the Falmouth Local Comprehensive Plan. Ms. McKay asked Mr. Dreyer when the Plan was adopted

Mr. Dreyer: It was adopted over a period of two years and there was a coastal resiliency part in there. Mr. Dreyer will send a copy of the Plan to Ms. McKay:

Mr. McCaffrey did site the comprehensive plan in his Introduction.

Mr. McCaffrey: I will send another draft of the application to the Committee members. Please make comments and email them to me. I tried to do it in a coherent way. There have been a lot of studies done on coastal resiliency but the circumstances have become so much more serious. For instance, the study on Woodneck Beach by John Ramsey predicts that in the year 2100 sea level rise will be 6". Now it's predicted to be 6-ft. There is valuable information in the study but, it's not for a project design.

Ms. McKay: What do you have on Coastal Hazards Management?

Mr. McCaffrey: I emphasize process. I converted what Andrew had written into tasks and added one on public involvement. We must identify types of projects that strengthen the application. We should say what we want to do and set priorities. I added a public involvement component: we will hold two public meetings to explain the results of the Vulnerability Study at the West Falmouth library.

Mr. Dreyer: The big element will be the cost. I don't have any feeling for the cost. We have to come up with a reasonable cost.

Ms. McKay: Mr. Dreyer is talking about the budget for the grant.

Mr. McCaffrey: It's in line with the other studies. It's more than the Menauhant and Woodneck. Beach studies. The budget will be approximately \$175,000 plus in-kind services, i.e. Ms. McKay and the Committee.

Mr. Dreyer: Could CZM possibly cut it down?

Ms. McKay: No.

Mr. McCaffrey: They're on such tight schedules. It could be another \$10,000, plus the cash match. The request is \$130,000.

Ms. McKay: There will be a 25% cash match. I will get a support letter from Julian.

Mr. McCaffrey: In the Public Benefit I mention the DCPC and the work of the Town Coastal Resilience Action Committee that is critical to informing the Committee's preparation of its Comprehensive Coastal Resilience Plan. I want to get across to them that we're doing more than most towns and doing it in a comprehensive way.

Mr. Dreyer: And that we're an MVP community.

Mr. McCaffrey: Right. Ms. Freitag covered that aspect. I did a timeline. I'd like to try to convert it to a Gant Chart.

Mr. Dreyer offered to do that.

Mr. McCaffrey: I hope to have it finished on Thursday when Jen and I meet. The Grant will be mailed on Friday.

Ms. McKay: We will send 12 copies of the Grant electronically also. You must clearly mark the RFR number on the cover page.

Mr. Dreyer: In Ms. Freitag's draft re Incorporate results she mentions "inventorying and locating Town owned infrastructure" in at-risk zones. We already know where they are.

Ms. McKay: The MVP Action Grants haven't been announced yet but I'm expecting that they will be by the end of this week.

Mr. McCaffrey: If we don't get the grant could we consider undertaking the project with what remains in the Town appropriation and if we receive another \$100,000 from Town Meeting in November, we can do it on our own.

Ms. McKay: I hope you read your emails about the meeting re the Vulnerability Assessment on June 4th at 10:00 a.m. in the Selectmen's meeting room. There will be a good discussion. We will look at our asset list, i.e. Town Hall and decide what other ones to include.

Mr. Mathews: What is the point of those things?

Ms. McKay: It's how we rate Town assets.

Mr. McCaffrey: We will need a lot of translation when we submit the Assessment to the public. There will be a further review. We can reorganize this with Bob Shea and present it in layers to the public.

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Mr. Dreyer: Move to adopt the minutes as corrected.

Mr. Mathews: Second.

Mr. McCaffrey: Unanimous, so moved.

Mr. Dreyer: Move to adjourn.

Mr. Mathews: Second.

Mr. McCaffrey: Unanimous, so moved.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Cronin, Recording Secretary