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INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

June 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Town Hall

MINUTES

Members Present: Tim Bergin; Jay Ryan; Richard Benn; Tim Leahy; Larry Bortner (Zoom); Jack Armstrong (Zoom); Susan Brennan (Zoom); Ed Bishop (Zoom); Geri Verlaque (Zoom)

Others Present: Natalie Magdeburger (Zoom); Ann Riley (Zoom)

Staff Present: Lori Dabbondanza; Kathy Grab

Flag salute and call to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Approval of prior minutes

- The minutes from the May 7, 2024 meeting were approved as amended on a Tim Leahy/Jay Ryan motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Public engagement on resiliency

- Richard Benn noted that Janice Bortner would like to invite the Infrastructure Committee to participate in the educational forum. The committee felt it was a little premature to share their work and findings at an educational forum.

3. Request by Susan Brennan to work on the NAVD88 matrix that Tim Bergin and Jay Ryan created.

- Susan Brennan will speak with Tim Bergin and Jay Ryan directly and can do a zoom meeting outside of the committee meeting.
- Tim Bergin noted that they want to recognize the previous work done by AECOM. It is critical that everyone is familiar with what is in the original resiliency report.
- He reviewed predicted SLR impacts: 2050, 2060, 2070. He noted that the data they are using is presumably from 2021.
- He noted that the 2080 map shows everything underwater. He then discussed the expected inundation over time.
- Jay Ryan then discussed a 2017 report that has the same identical data in their report. We are trying to determine where we can go to get the most accurate data.

- They will continue to look for data. Natalie Magdeburger will reach out and get them an audience with Center for Inland Bays. Sea Grant does a lot of research and Natalie Magdeburger sits on their board. She will reach out to them to see if they are available to meet with us as well.

4. Discussion of progress of resiliency working group.

- Tim Leahy gave an update to the committee with the focus on the statement of work that was sent out to three engineering firms.
- He outlined three tasks they are asked firms to submit a quote for – assess the town’s current infrastructure condition – electronically; define where gaps in our infrastructure exist and inspect; third, participate in a late summer town meeting with the purpose of updating the town on their findings and facilitating input.
- We received responses from two of the three engineering firms. One from Straughn. One from Weston and Sampson. Both are compliant with our RFQ. It was noted that Straughn’s bid was \$29,000 and Weston and Sampson’s bid was \$30,000. Our budget for the project was \$30,000.
- Jay Ryan motioned to proceed with Straughn. Seconded by Tim Bergin.

Motion passed unanimously.

- The next steps will be determined after the contract is reviewed and signed by Natalie Magdeburger.
- Tim Leahy advised that a future discussion is needed regarding where the electronic files are maintained.
- They are currently on an ArcGIS folder. We may need to explore acquiring an ArcGIS license.
- Tim Bergin stated perhaps we can find another governmental agency that has access to ArcGIS. Perhaps the University of Delaware.

5. Public Participation

- Natalie Magdeburger asked if the data Tim Bergin and Jay Ryan have been working on could be shared publicly.
- Ann Riley shared the article [Carper bill](#).

6. New Business – Richard Benn indicated that George Murphy has resigned from the committee.

7. Old Business - None

8. Next Meeting

- July 9, 2024 at 10:00 am.

9. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 10:49 am on a Susan Brennan/Tim Bergin Motion.

Motion passed unanimously.