



# The Town of Fenwick Island

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## INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Town Hall

### MINUTES

**Members Present:** Jack Armstrong (Zoom), Jay Ryan, Tim Bergin, Susan Brennan, Richard Benn, Tim Leahy, Ed Bishop, Geri Verlaque, Nuwan Seneviratne (Zoom)

**Others Present:** Natalie Magdeburger

**Staff Present:** Mike Locke, Lori Dabbondanza, Kathy Grab

Flag salute and call to order at 10:02 am

1. Approval of prior minutes

- The minutes from the June 11, 2024 meeting approved on a Susan Brennan/Tim Leahy motion.

***Motion passed unanimously.***

2. Public engagement on resiliency

- Discussed with Straughn, August 30<sup>th</sup> is the date selected as the next meeting date with Straughn.
- Tim Leahy discussed the next steps.
- Susan Brennan indicated that the next piece would be an update of what the Infrastructure Committee has worked on over the last year and informing the residents about the purpose of the working groups.
- A Q&A with Straughn is needed.
- There was a meeting with Danielle Swallow and an update on hazard mitigation with her is needed.
- Tim Bergin noted Danielle's responsibilities relative to Delaware and she is knowledgeable to help address our challenges.

3. Discussion of progress of resiliency working group.

- Tim Leahy noted that the project is underway.
- Straughn will be assessing our current data and maps. They will determine where the areas of concern are.

- August 9, 2024 is the first deliverable deadline for Straughn to deliver the data gaps to the working group.
- We are waiting for a response from AECOM regarding how to access our map data.
- Natalie Magdeburger discussed the issue with an invoice from AECOM. She has asked to be included in future emails with AECOM.
- Tim Leahy discussed DE Firstmap and DelDOT. He noted that he and Lori would be reaching out to DE Firstmap soon.
- Natalie Magdeburger would prefer to have our mapping data hosted independent of DelDOT. Richard Benn noted we may have to pay if we host it outside of a state agency. Tim Leahy confirmed that DelDOT, DNREC and DE Firstmap are all state agency hosting options; Lewes uses DE Firstmap to host their mapping data. It was noted that we passed the first screening with the BRIC Grant.

#### 4. Public Participation

- Richard Benn thanked the committee members for their hard work. He encourages everyone to get out and vote.
- Natalie Magdeburger was contacted and interviewed by Kaitlyn Wilson, who is possibly from an independent research project and possibly funded by DNREC. She recommended that the State of DE pay for GIS mapping for municipalities. She advised that there is a need for a more global, regionally focused solution. This should include Maryland.
- Natalie Magdeburger discussed the recent bill passed by the legislature regarding infrastructure.  
Tim Bergin stated that DNREC is reconstituting the 2017 (Delaware Sea-Level Rise Technical Committee) and that the state should continuously monitor sea-level rise by creating an organization to do so.

#### 5. New Business

- None

#### 6. Old Business

- None

#### 7. Next Meeting

- August 13, 2024 at 10:00 am.

#### 8. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 10:30 am on a Tim Leahy/Susan Brennan Motion.

***Motion passed unanimously.***