

## Bayside Flooding and Stormwater Working Group Meeting Minutes

22 Apr 2025

Attending : Tim Bergin, Tim Leahy, Jay Ryan and Jon Miller

After a flag salute and approval of prior meeting minutes, Tim L discussed the ongoing plan to address the end of Farmington Street was discussed. Mike Locke scheduled to implement it in late May or early June. He mentioned that he would keep the team updated on the exact dates and the construction process and the concept that working group members can assist by inspecting progress.

Tim L discussed the need to adapt to changes in the funding landscape and the importance of maintaining momentum. He proposed broadening the former scope to consider individual property owners and their potential actions. This led to discussing the planned August meeting to discuss town and property owner preparedness. Tim B also mentioned the need to address flood insurance and what property owners can do now. He planned to recruit two people for the planned August meeting to complement Danielle Swallow from Inland Bays in these areas.

Tim L and Jay discussed the need for engineers to address the ongoing engineering problem of flooding in certain areas. The group agreed to start defining work on prioritized street ends, while Jon emphasized the need for a roadmap of various mitigation strategies. Tim L agreed to write a scope statement to use the \$120,000 in this year's budget. They agreed to prioritize each street and come up with solutions and adding a toolkit incorporating private property owner options. They also discussed the importance of survey work and the need to assess the condition of outlet pipes to ensure the project's success.

Jon and Tim B discussed the need for a comprehensive plan to address erosion and bulkhead issues. Jon suggested developing recommended bulkhead heights, determining how implementation of guidelines or requirements should take place (including what applies to existing bulkheads). They agreed that the survey completed a few years ago provides adequate data on the existing inventory. Tim B agreed that plan should include guidelines for replacing bulkheads, and that a professional inspection should be required for new building permits. Tim B proposed seeking additional funding for an engineer as part of a future project. They agreed that the group can contact council members regarding enforcement, but enforcement is not within the scope of the upcoming project. Tim L reminded the group that a separate Infrastructure group has been formed to focus on code revision, with Andy Emerson as the chair. (*CORRECTION: the new group is evaluating residency fund options*). This working group's goal is to provide engineering support for the code revision process.

Tim L also discussed the need for vigilance in tracking the funding for beach replenishment. He mentioned that the funding match was reduced to 20% and that the original funding was from the Corps of Engineers. Tim also discussed the possibility of losing funding for beach replenishment and possibility of expanding the working group scope, but the group decided that was not needed at this time. Tim L agreed to report back to the Town Council on Friday.