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INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

June 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Town Hall

MINUTES

Members Present via Zoom: Jack Armstrong, Tim Bergin, Susan Brennan, Tim Leahy, Geri Verlaque

Members Present: Jay Ryan, Vicki Carmean,

Others Present: Kathy Grab, Michael Miller (Zoom),

Flag salute and call to order at 10:04 a.m.

1. Approval of prior minutes from May 26, 2026.

Motion: Approve Minutes from May 26, 2026.

Moved by: Tim Leahy

Seconded by: Vicki Carmean

Abstained: Jay Ryan

Motion Carried.

2. Review and discuss the Bayside Resiliency Planning & Flood Mitigation Strategies Forum held on May 29 and the next steps.
 - a. Recap.
 - The Committee reviewed the May 29 Symposium, noting strong participation and positive feedback. Future meetings will require speakers to use microphones for recording and virtual attendance purposes.
 - Susan Brennan will compile resident questions from the Symposium and distribute them to the Committee.
 - Members noted a shift in public discussion from understanding why resiliency efforts are needed to how they will be implemented. Continued public education and coordination with Town staff remain priorities.
 - Susan Brennan proposed dedicating time at the September Infrastructure meeting for Jay Ryan and Tim Bergin to present additional resiliency data and findings. The Committee agreed.

3. Grant Funding Updates.

a. Tim Leahy update.

- Tim Leahy reported that FEMA/DEMA has requested additional information for a previously approved grant application. If awarded, the approximately \$330,000 grant could reimburse Town funds already invested in resiliency projects.
- Tim Leahy and Susan Brennan continue working with the University of Delaware on BRIC and FMA grant applications to support future demonstration projects.
- Susan Brennan noted that the State's annual municipal planning questionnaire continues to emphasize resiliency initiatives.

4. MARACOOS Opportunity Discussion.

a. Tim Bergin shared updates and slides to the committee.

- Tim Bergin presented information on MARACOOS and emerging water-level monitoring technologies, including opportunities for regional collaboration and data collection.
- Committee members discussed the potential benefits of participating in a regional monitoring network but acknowledged that the Committee's current workload limits its ability to lead such an initiative.
- The Committee agreed that Tim Bergin and Jay Ryan will continue exploring available data resources and coordinate with relevant partners, including Danielle Swallow and state climatologist spoke at 2025 RASCL summit Kevin Brinson.

5. Old Business.

a. None.

6. New Business.

a. Next Steps to Recommend to Council.

- Tim Leahy reviewed the process used to prioritize resiliency projects, including technical vulnerability, cost-benefit considerations, and the number of properties affected.

Vicki Carmean left at 11:45 a.m.

- The Committee discussed advancing South West Dagsboro Street and West South Carolina Avenue into the next phase of engineering design with Straughan Environmental.

Motion: Whereas the information presented in the public forum held on May 29, 2026 and to the Infrastructure Committee moves that two(2) focus areas shall be designed by the Town's contractor, Straughan Environmental, Inc. and those areas are South West Dagsboro and West South Carolina.

Moved by: Jack Armstrong

Seconded by: Tim Bergin

Motion Carried Unanimously.

7. Public Participation.

a. None.

8. Date of Next Meeting.

a. July 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

9. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Moved by: Geri Verlaque

Seconded by: Jay Ryan

Motion Carried Unanimously.