

**Islesboro Sea Level Rise Committee
Town Office & via Zoom
Draft Minutes
February 16, 2023**

Present: Shey Conover, Lauren Bruce, Nancy Alexander, Peter Wilcox, Chloe Joule, Jennifer West (secretary), by Zoom: Sue Stafford

Absent members: Donna Leone, Fred Porter

Others: Liv Lenfestey (Island Fellow)

1. Quorum met
2. Motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2023. Unanimous approval.
3. No comments from the public.
4. Review and Discussion of the February 13, 2023 "Big Picture draft".
 - Big Picture draft was compiled by Sue Stafford, Lauren Bruce, Nancy Alexander, Liv Lenfestey and Peter Wilcox.
 - Discussed focus of Committee: Funding, Data Collection, Engineering, Communication,
 - Funding
 - Possible funding through Inflation Reduction Act- should we be moving quickly to avoid missing potential funding?
 - Important for SLRC to have the facts before submitting for grants and the community.
 - Does Maine have an office where Federal funding is coming it to?
 - The Community Resilience Project should be collecting a lot of information.
 - Data Collection
 - Do we have enough data? There seems to be the possibility for a lot of information that could be used for the project.
 - Important to collect local data, such as tide data loggers.
 - It would be helpful if photos of incidents such as the December storm can be placed in one website. The Gulf of Maine Research Institute (GMRI) website is a possibility.
 - Suggestion that ultimately a video could be prepared bringing together photos, data etc. for the community to view.
 - Discussed whether there should be subcommittees on each of the subtopics. Decision made that subcommittees are not necessary but that the new planner/facilitator could be introduced to the topics the SLRC have covered and the data collected to-date.
5. Updates
 - Liv, Island Fellow
 - Liv's meeting with the school science teacher had to be postponed. Gulf of Maine Research Institute (GMRI) definitely an option for data collection.

- Working on tide tracker from UMO.
- Waiting for meeting with GMRI.
- The Light House will be open this summer and the art piece will be inside it.
- She is continuing her work on the Light House archives.
- Grindle Point
 - Parking lot is owned by the town. The road is owned by the State.
 - Complicated ownership and decision on continuation as ferry location are outstanding issues.
- Ideas
 - Liv and Chloe are considering talks on SLR at IIT properties.
 - Thoughts on data logger locations: Town pier at Grindle Point or Hewes Point?
 - Communication an important consideration.
 - Nancy is looking into how GMRI data collection could tie into the SLRC issues.
 - Where does Belfast's SLRC get their data?

Next meeting March 6 or 7. Hope to have interviews with candidates for facilitator/planner within the next couple of weeks.

Meeting adjourned.