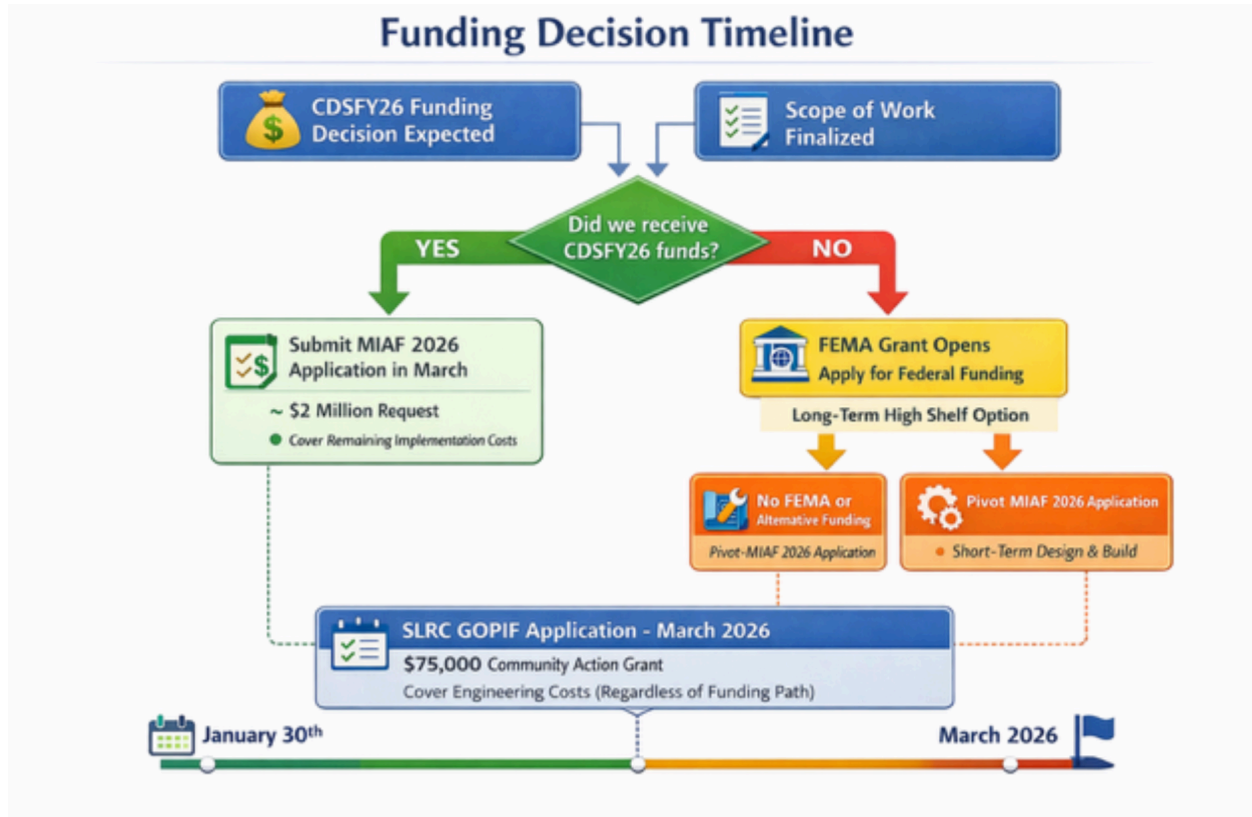


Islesboro Sea Level Rise Committee Meeting Minutes

3:00 pm 1/8/2026 @ Town Office & Via Zoom

1. Call to Order. Establish Quorum: Committee members present – Chloe J, Peter R, Peter W., Nancy A, Donna L, Sue S, Shey C, Lauren B. Others present: Shri, Ginnie Hess, Bob Kochan.
2. Approved draft minutes from [11/13/25 Meeting](#). Peter R. motioned to approve, Chloe seconded. Unanimous approval.
3. Narrows Project Update & Next Steps
 - a. Link to [60% Final Design Documents](#)
 - b. Design documents were received as expected. The SLR Committee discussed the Narrows project, focusing on a \$6.6 million cost estimate plus \$470,000 for in-lieu fees, excluding permitting. The project aims for construction by 2027, with a 15% contingency. Funding sources include potential grants from Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund of up to \$3 million.
 - c. Peter R. asked a question about the budget for the project – was it done in 2025 numbers? Shri responded that there are several qualifiers on the document that provide additional information about where the finance numbers are and how they will be refined going to final design documents.
 - d. Best case scenario – construction would begin at the end of 2027. There was discussion about what portion could be funded outside of the municipal budget. Discussion about grant opportunities & how that would impact timing.
 - e. Shri presented decision tree for how we might be able to apply for funds in February and March. This decision tree will help us determine what we may have in hand for long-term fix, and when/how we should start to prioritize funding requests for short-term fix while we continue to pursue the long-term 6+ million project.



- f. Shri has meeting with advisory committee between now and our February meeting so she will have an update from them at our next meeting.
 - g. Discussion about permitting process if the town pursues a short-term option while we secure funding for long-term fix. For short term fix we would most likely be looking at a PBR – permit by rule. Applicants are required to notify immediate abutters.
4. Other Business
- a. Budget Season.
 - i. Workshops will start in March
 - ii. Hoping at our February meeting we will have information to inform our request for the budget.
 - iii. Based on discussions to date, I know the selectboard is hoping to create a budget with as little growth as possible.
 - b. Nancy commented on blueberry fields as a potential rock source when we look towards construction.

5. Set Next Meeting Date. Thursday, February 12th @ 4:30 pm. Goal for that meeting will be to review and move forward with next work order with GZA, and to make recommendations on next steps for funding requests based on what we learn at the end of this month.
6. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:04.