

**Islesboro Sea Level Rise Committee**  
**Town Office & via Zoom**  
**Minutes May 11, 2023**

Members Present: Shey Conover, Nancy Alexander, Chloe Joule, Jennifer West (Secretary). By Zoom: Sue Stafford, Donna Leone, Fred Porter, Peter Wilcox.

Liv Lenfestey (Island Fellow). Lauren Bruce, and by Zoom Shri Verrill (Planner).

1. Minutes of April 20, 2023 approved.

2. Update by Shri

- Community Leading Conference, Sue Arnold, Island Institute, noted Islesboro in her talk.
- Haley Ward as requested \$400 for them to get a full size pdf of the engineering files and shape files from the previous study for the island.
- Draft maps from U. Maine Machias based on LIDAR show very dramatic impacts of sea level rise.
  - Map shows HAT +3.9' and HAT +8.9 feet
- Fred pointed out that we need to balance our presentation not to scare people but still be honest.

3. Communications Sub-Committee, see attached.

4. Discussed how to proceed.

- Why was 2' scenario not taken forward by the Town?
- Project roles- see google sheet (The Narrows Project Outline with Roles and Project Objectives) prepared by Shri.
  - Liv Communications Coordinator
- Planning for next: 30, 60, 100 years- approach as phases for implementation.
- Common for planning for municipalities to have a 30 yr. investment plan.
- Need to think about predicted sea level rise over time: 2.7 mm/year
- Possible target: Town meeting June 2025 for approval of Narrows project.

## Sea Level Rise Communications Sub-Committee

Meeting minutes: 5/10/2023

Coordinator: Liv

Co-Chairs: Sue and Lauren

Member: Jennifer

Our Goal: the island votes in favor of the recommend engineering alternative because they are educated and motivated

Target audience: year-round (voting) community

Secondary audience: Summer community

Anticipated date for vote: Fall 2024

Our process: a trajectory of knowledge building which will be iterative

Components:

1. News outlets
  - a. Island News
    - i. May: hired Shri, Committee structure
    - ii. June: tide trackers,
    - iii. July: art installation, school activities.
  - b. Flyers in town monthly mailings
  - c. Our website
    - i. Include videos of large meetings, the informal video and the more professional video montage.
  - d. Facebook
2. Small group meetings – we will develop a script (Sue will draft)
  - a. The message: SLR is happening, it's bad, we're addressing it, starting with trackers
  - b. The organizations we'll talk to and who will talk
    - i. Circle – Shey or Nancy A
    - ii. Sporting Club – Shey and Josh
    - iii. Energy Committee
    - iv. Health Center Advisory Board
    - v. Historical Society
    - vi. ICC Board
    - vii. ICF
    - viii. Library trustees
  - c. Develop an informal video of still pics and a video of Suzie Arnold presentation to U. Maine on 5/11/23 for use in small group meetings
3. Full Town Meetings – in person and by Zoom
  - a. Summer Informational mtg
  - b. Large Fall meeting – come all with questions, at school, food
4. Video Montage (Lauren)
  - a. Work with Michael Hutcherson
  - b. Testimonials – Shey Rachel, Ron Gallant
  - c. The message: Why I'm voting "Yes"
  - d. Nancy Alexander is research for the historical perspective.
5. Gant chart (Lauren)
  - a. Expect that it will be continually updated and changed!