

Islesboro Sea Level Rise Committee Minutes

7/9/2026 4:30 pm Town Office & Via Zoom

1. Called to Order. Established Quorum. In attendance: Nancy Alexander, Donna Leone, Sue Stafford, Peter Rothschild, Peter Willcox, Fred Porter, Shey Conover, Lauren Bruce, Jennifer West, Shri Verill, Janet Anderson.
2. Approved draft minutes from [6/11/2026](#) meeting. Peter R. moved, Lauren Bruce seconded, Approved Unanimously.
3. Narrows Project Update – Shri
 - a. Discussion: Status update of FEMA BRIC Grant & required next steps.
 - i. We received the 90% design on time from GZA & submitted the FEMA BRIC grant. MEMA receives the application and gets it ready to submit to FEMA. Before they submit they do their own internal review which they are doing now. MEMA will submit the application to FEMA by July 10th. FEMA is required to make the awards by September 30th of this year, so that is a much faster turn around than we originally anticipated.
 - ii. We anticipate hearing status of MIAF application in October.
 - iii. Shri will be away for the next couple of months and is back after Labor Day.
 - iv. MEMA is very enthusiastic about our application.
 - v. We may need to have a special town meeting to approve the matching funds required for the FEMA BRIC Grant. This would be a vote to commit to coming up with the 25% match for the federal funds. We need to clarify still how to word the warrant article appropriately. We do not anticipate having 25% come from tax funds. Shri will reach out to MEMA & the Island Institute to help clarify this with us directly in her absence.
 - vi. The budget submitted was 60%, a cost estimate has not come with the 90% design. The next cost estimate will come with the 100% design. \$2.035M – that is 25%. \$1.9M would come from MIAF.
 - vii. TBD if this is included in summer info meeting.
 - viii. GZA revised budget. \$8,159,768.72 total projected construction cost + management. 25% Match is \$2.035M. If awarded, the MIAF grant would cover \$1.9M of the match.
 - ix. Shey will distribute the budget worksheet this with the minutes in PDF form.

1. [FEMA BRIC Budget & Gantt Chart](#)
2. [FEMA BRIC Budget Narrative](#)
- x. We have received some calculations of impact that are a little bit confusing. Shri needs to get her questions answered from GZA before she distributes them to support conversations with landowners. They can meet with landowners to understand questions while Shri is away.
- b. For committee review (discussion at future meeting): [90% Design](#)
4. Communications Subcommittee Report
 - a. Discussion: Planning for July 30 summer information meeting
 - i. Sue made a wonderful outline organizing what information should be given out. Presentation is less than 1,000 words will involve slides and the primary focus is on the slide which is the overview of option 1 - the Now \$8.159M project
 - ii. How to handle questions about ferry road? Based on past discussions with the State, their threshold for beginning planning is 6 inundations a year. The best we can do is document and share what is happening when it inundates to document when we meet this threshold.
 - iii. Municipal building project & energy committee & sea level rise is the agenda.
 - iv. If people have questions to anticipate, please send them to Nancy who will be presenting at the info meeting.
5. Other Business: None
6. Set Next Meeting Date & Adjourn. August 13th @ 4:30 next meeting to finalize special town meeting needs. Peter R moved to adjourn. Sue Seconded. Adjourn 5:36 pm.