

Sea Level Rise Committee Meeting

Members Present:

Shey Conover, Chloe Joule, Lauren Bruce, Peter Wilcox, Donna Leone, Fred Porter

Community Members Present:

Nancy Devens, Peter Rothchild, Stephen Miller

1. Quorum Established
2. Shey opened the meeting by thanking Fred and his team for their amazing service and response to the storm that hit on Wednesday 1/10/2024
3. Minutes approved for
4. Liv ran through the communications timeline
5. Comment from Stephen Miller, work on gathering pictures from the 1/10 and utilize these images
 - a. Lauren spoke to the work that has already been done on this photo gathering project
 - b. Penbay Pilot has many pictures from the storm
 - c. Fred noted that the town is already working to compile photos, which they are required to do when completing emergency situation forms for the county and MEMA
 - d. Shri noted that this storm was 1/10th of a foot, we should be looking for photos that demonstrate.
 - e. Shey noted how our committees work relates to storm surge more than sea level rise, and Shri confirmed that the flooding we are seeing is due to high winds more then more water
6. The committee moved into discussion on the risk tolerance rubric from GZA and Shey outlined what the schedule for the kickoff meeting will be
 - a. The kickoff meeting will be Thursday 1/18 from 10:30-1:30, the project team will meet from 1:30-3.
 - b. The Engineers will see the narrows as soon as arriving to the island on the 10 am boat so that they can see the site at low tide.
 - c. Shri shared the GZA Alternatives Factors Rubric and went through what each section means.
 - d. The committee discussed how the factors and sections on the rubric will carried out in process in the kick off meeting
 - e. Lauren asked if this community risk assessment will be a one off shot or if the community will be involved in the process
 - i. Shey noted that she envisions information from the summer outreach being handed off to the engineers, and then also using the rubric to create parameters in which we can share with the community what we are planning for

- f. Steve Miller noted that in our assessment of cost, we include some information on “the cost of doing nothing”, what will we lose if we do nothing at the narrows? Cost and benefits for this project cannot be over simplified.
 - i. She noted how the upfront cost may not reflect what is most affordable from the taxpayers perspective. The most expensive option may be the most likely to receive grant funding.
- g. She opened the meeting up to questions and comments from the public! There was no comment
- h. Peter discussed how we should frame our discussion of risk on a spectrum— understanding that the risk is not if the Narrows is permanently impassable or passable, but rather how long it is impassable for and to what degree.
 - i. She noted Freds vital experience from these kind of situations and his
 - ii. Discussion on the
- i. The next meeting date was