

Sea Level Rise Committee Meeting

October 24, 2024, MINUTES

Town office & Via Zoom

In attendance – in person & via zoom: Shri Verrill, Nancy Alexander, Sue Stafford, Donna Leone, Peter Rothschild, Peter Willcox, Shey Conover

1. Called to Order at 5:30. Quorum Established.
2. Approved draft minutes from 9/12/24 Meeting. Motion by Peter Rothschild to accept minutes as written. Seconded by Nancy Alexander. Unanimous approval.
3. Narrows Project Updates:
 - a. Sand-dune designation discussion: Maine Geological Survey has designated sand dunes on the east side of the Narrows in the south section where the current revetment is located, and in the north section on Frames beach. GZA is working to get pre-application meetings with DEP and Maine Geological Survey which will very important to understand how our design may need to change because of these sand dune designations.
 - b. Pre-application meetings: GZA is working to set up, expect them to occur sometime in mid-November. GZA, Shri and Shey plan to attend these virtual meetings.
 - c. Shri presented what we currently know about the timeline and budgets for get from 30-60% design and from 60% to 100% and construction bid package development. We can expect \$280 - \$400k in engineering and project management expenses to get us to the start of construction. The roles and figures are still changing, just looking at order of magnitude right now, and Shri will continue to nail this down. We have secured \$75,000 from the Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund to cover GZA expenses to 60% design. Committee agreed for Shri to coordinate with GZA to move forward with a 60% design contract proposal, with the assumption that the 60% to 100% completion contract language will be added as a change order.
 - d. Discussed and approved \$7,500 change order for GZA to add an in person visit to the Narrows this fall before snow cover, and to engage with bridge consultants to begin evaluating the scope of work to plan for Phase 2. Shri recommends this change so that survey work can be done before there is snow on the ground, and feels particularly important for GZA to understand the vulnerability of the north section of the Narrows.
 - e. Shri is working on a Community Action Grant for another \$75,000, which largely covers Sunrise Ecologic to continue as project manager over the coming year. This grant will be submitted in December. Shri presented an overview of tasks for continued project management, coordination with Islesboro's Hazard Mitigation Planning project, and a potential to test out reef balls prior to implementation at the Narrows. Committee conceptually approved these tasks.

4. Other Business:

a. Community Resilience Partnership renewal:

- i. Energy committee has reached out to discuss coordination with renewal & next round of Community Action Grants.
- ii. Shey, Peter W, and Nancy will meet with representatives from energy committee to move forward with renewal planning to make sure we are re-enrolled prior to next grant deadline of December 17. We need to review and update our List of Community Actions, and Community Self-Evaluation. Will work as a small group and update at our next committee meeting.

5. Next meeting date: Thursday November 14 @ 4:30 – 6 pm – via zoom & in person.

Discussed and agreed to move start time of meeting to 4:30 pm.

6. Adjourned @ 7:00.

Summary of Action Items:

- Shri to coordinate with GZA to move forward with a 60% design contract proposal, with the assumption that the 60% to 100% completion contract language will be added as a change order.
- Shri to continue working on the Community Action grant application, with the goal of submitting it by December 13th.
- Shey, Nancy & Peter Willcox to coordinate with members of the energy committee to review and update the community resilience self-evaluation and list of community actions, to prepare for Community Resilience Partnership renewal, and to discuss Community Action Grant plans.