

Branford Coastal Vulnerability ad hoc Working Group

Town of Branford, Connecticut

Paul Muniz, Tracy Everson, Jonathan Waters, Peter Hentschel (chairperson)
invited: Curt Johnson, Sharon Huttner, James Calderwood



Scheduled Meeting Agenda: Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 5:00 PM

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- Call to Order and Roll Call
- Approval of Meeting Minutes
- Meeting with First Selectman to nominate new members Calderwood and Huttner
- Review of past term and focus of new fall term
- Discuss status and the next steps on the following primary ongoing initiatives:
 - a. Zoning Regulation and Town Ordinance tools - PZC / CVWG joint working group - status
Goal: to determine actions to build resilience through ordinances and/or zoning regulations.
 - Meeting with Graham Curtis (chair of Madison Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience, and Erosion Control Board) at town workshop
 - Communication with Graham to discuss establishing a group chat venue involving neighboring coastal communities to discuss common coastal issues
 - Communication with CIRCA to discuss possible workshop
 - b. CIRCA sea level monitoring and emergency notification system trials – Branford participation
Goal 1: to acquire new data on tidal sea level cycles and resulting road flooding.
Goal 2: to allow Branford to use their alert system to put out “micro-alerts” to neighborhoods.
 - Update on status of the tide sensors
 - Review and discussion of press release by TE
 - c. Community Flood Reporting and Photographic data acquisition - “MyCoast” Application
Goal 1: to engage the community in the photographic collection of roadway flooding data
Goal 2: to work with the MyCoast application software group in CA to facilitate uploading data
 - Review of tide gauge installs and recent submissions - flood events
 - Discuss community engagement and press release?
 - d. Roadway Flooding – finding protective solutions – nuisance flooding tide walls.
Goal: to investigate possible resilience actions, consult with key regulatory authorities including DEEP, and determine DEEP’s response to - protecting low roadways from nuisance flooding by use of low retention walls, etc.
 - Update – John Lust meeting with John Hoeffler re survey progress
 - e. WWTP vulnerability study – status of Phase 2, preliminary design of conceptual solutions
Goal: to promote the “hardening” of the town’s sanitary system and treatment plan.
 - Update – Paul Muniz

Peter Hentschel, Chairperson