

## Branford Coastal Vulnerability ad hoc Working Group

Town of Branford, Connecticut

Paul Muniz, Ted Ells, Tracy Everson, Linda Erlanger, Jonathan Waters, Susan Bryson,  
Doug Hanlon, Peter Hentschel (chairperson)

Zoom Special Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2020

4:30 PM

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### 1. Call to Order

Called to order at 4:36 pm

### 2. Roll Call

Present Hentschel, Muniz, Ells, Erlanger, Waters, Everson, Bryson, McCarthy-Bercury, Smith

### 3. Previous meeting notes: approval delayed until next regular meeting

### 4. Administration Reports

- a. Peter Hentschel: Initiating effort to add tab to Town website with reference to "Environment". Peter and Diana to discuss content with Town IT Director and ability add links. Discussed topics to include within tab, Peter will discuss with Communication subgroup.
- b. Diana McCarthy-Bercury – Compliance & Sustainability Manager  
Will work with Peter on website modifications
- c. Harry Smith – Branford Town Planner  
Discussed coastal retreat strategies with Bruce Hyde. Spoke with CIRCA regarding same topic.
- d. Recent additions to Dropbox
  - Several documents have been added to the CVWG dropbox (<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/xot5mxfyjnt8ai8/AAC2xuPI-UJVn6iAgT8zBeAVa?dl=0>)
  - Retreat strategy documents were included. Note UCONN Climate Adaptation Academy - Managed Retreat Workshop will be online 11/13 at 12:30.

### 5. Subcommittee Reports, Discussion

- a. Outreach and Communication  
Members: Muniz, Everson, Waters, Hentschel, Cosgrove  
Committee has met 3 times by phone and met with Town Hall representatives to discuss outreach. Initial presentation being drafted, intended to describe environmental changes and tools available to address them
- b. Resiliency Action database  
Members: Hentschel, Muniz, Ells, Hoefflerle  
Intention is to extract information from existing planning documents, regarding conditions and actions. Spreadsheet is being developed. Harry suggested tagging specific data fields with GIS system. No meetings have taken place yet.
- c. Legal  
Members: Ted Ells, Susan Bryson  
Intended to identify legal issues associated with resiliency actions, particularly regarding impacts to private property related to public project action. Legal will blend with zoning

- d. Zoning  
Members: Ells, Everson, Harry Smith  
Intended to look at elements in zoning regs that could affect/be affected by coastal resiliency actions (height limits, etc.)
- e. Funding  
Members: Erlanger, Finch, Muniz  
Linda to review each program identified in Resiliency Plan to see what the respective funding can support
- f. Catalog of Web Resources  
Members: Hentschel  
Peter to research Keys document to identify categories of information.

6. Next Meeting: 11/9/20, 430 pm ZOOM

Paul Muniz, Clerk

Peter Hentschel, Chairperson