

Branford Coastal Vulnerability ad hoc Working Group  
Town of Branford, Connecticut

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Doug Hanlon, Peter Hentschel (chairperson)

**Zoom Meeting Minutes**  
November 9, 2020, 4:30 PM

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1. Called to Order: 4:40 pm
2. Present: Hentschel, Muniz, Ells, Bryson, Everson, Erlanger, Finch, Cosgrove, Smith,
3. Approval of 10/19/20 & 9/14/20 meeting minutes: MTA - Muniz; Second - Ells
4. Recent additions to Dropbox
  - Several documents have been added to the CVWG dropbox (<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/xot5mxfyjnt8ai8/AAC2xuPI-UJVn6iAgT8zBeAVa?dl=0>)
  - Noted - UCONN Climate Adaptation Academy - Managed Retreat Workshop will be online 11/13 at 12:30. Register to attend.
  - Also: Five Fact Sheets from earlier UConn Climate Adaptation Academy presentations have been added to Dropbox including discussion of takings; division of public/private land boundaries. Chairman suggested that members review these. See: *Resource Documents/2 Articles - Studies - Reports/ UCONN Climate Adaptation Academy*
5. Administration Reports
  - a. Diana McCarthy-Bercury – Offered access to Columbia University graduate school program that could research a topic of high priority that the CVWG might choose.
  - b. John Hoefflerle – No report
  - c. Harry Smith – No report
  - d. Jamie Cosgrove – IT Department aware of working Group interest in adding an Environment page to the Town Website. Hazard Mitigation Plan needs to be updated every five years. SCROG has been tasked with revision. Resiliency Plan update may need to consider updated vulnerabilities of specific neighborhoods. Potential evaluation of costs of the tasks included in the 2016 Coastal Resiliency Plan might be useful early.
  - e. Discussion: Treatment Plant upgrade is one of the highest priorities for consideration and funding. Identification of “single access” neighborhoods and development of alternative routes may also be necessary.
6. Subcommittee Reports, Discussion
  - a. Outreach and Communication  
Members: Muniz, Everson, Waters, Hentschel, First Selectman Cosgrove  
Report: Obtained files from Milone for development of outreach presentations.
  - b. Resiliency Action database  
Members: Hentschel, Muniz, Hoefflerle  
Report: Work on the database is progressing
  - c. Legal  
Members: Ells, Bryson  
Report: Will meet later today. Has included Zoning subgroup as well. Will start to collect information regarding Retreat criteria.

- d. Zoning  
Members: Ells, Everson, Hanlon, Harry Smith  
Report: see above
  - e. Funding  
Members: Erlanger, Jim Finch, Muniz  
Report: Hoefflerle sent out message with descriptions of funding sources, with respect to sources and uses. Erlanger is working on a spreadsheet summary of the various sources of funding.
  - f. Catalog of Web Resources  
Members: Hentschel  
Report: Peter will set up meeting to educate members on ability to access catalogued information thru the KEYS document in the CVWG dropbox.
7. Other Business for discussion
- Wayne Cooke talked about the issue of Medlyn Farm and Route 146 flooding from Jarvis Creek
  - Jamie Cosgrove identified *Regional Framework for Coastal Resilience June 2017* as a regional resource
8. Motion to adjourn: Muniz, Second: Ells. Adjourned at 5:45pm

Paul Muniz, Clerk  
Peter Hentschel, Chairperson