

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

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Meeting Agenda  
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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of meeting notes

Administrative Business:

1. Establish special meeting date for presentations by Bob Mendelson, YSFE
2. Document update & refresher (new links, documents, tools, etc. in dropbox)
  - a. PowerPoint of the CIRCA presentation to the CVWG of 2/24
  - b. Link to the recording of Strategies for Coastal Resilience: How Communities Need to Adapt by Smart Growth / Maryland Department of Planning
  - c. YSFE - Study of Branford - Economic Analysis of Resiliency Actions - Bob Mendelson
  - d. Mapping of the coastline in Keys document

Working Business:

1. Discussion of the policy and process of RETREAT
  - a. Review Zones of retreat identified in the 2016 CRP
  - b. Strategic approach to implementation – begin research into approach:
    - defining boundaries of zones of retreat,
    - establishing interim restrictions within zones of retreat – infrastructure maintenance, building regs, zoning regs, tax assessments, etc.
    - considering timing of actions - active buy-out (at future date) or let time take its toll
    - grants and funding - what state or federal resources are available to the town
    - legal aspects - controlling town's future liability based on actions taken
    - when is it appropriate to use the Coastal Resilience fund
2. CVWG - Town / staff relationship – initiate communications
  - a. Selectman's Office
  - b. Engineering
  - c. Planning
  - d. Finance
3. Review of current Town activities
  - a. 17 Creek CT acquisition
  - b. Sybil Creek Bridge tide gate and reconstruction
4. To Do List
  - a. Meet with John Hoefflerle re GIS system – overlaying CIRCA datasets
  - b. Contact CIRCA to determine immediately available data sets
  - c. Contact CIRCA to determine soon-to-be available data sets
  - d. Research Legal aspects of RETREAT action
  - e. Research all references to zones of RETREAT in the CR Plan and map
  - f. Draft a position paper on acquisition of 17 Creek CT
  - g. Other TBD