

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

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Zoom Meeting Agenda: Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 5:30 PM

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Meeting ID: 834 3170 5553, Passcode: 730717, Phone 646-558-8656

- Call to Order
- Roll Call

- Status Review – PZC / CVWG joint working group to explore research on: municipal actions along CT shoreline; State legislative actions; legal aspects re new local regulations and ordinances.
 - a. Update on List-serv query
 - b. Update on discussion with Louanne Cooley of UCONN Law / CIRCA regarding their legal “tool kit” for municipalities
 - c. Link to recording of meeting –
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/0wm2l8f9ytu9uc72w2x3h/h?dl=0&rlkey=myvb9xnzsds44nuzej9nyh557>
 - d. Follow up, next steps, and questions.
- Status Review – Stony Creek Presentation
 - a. Prepared and ready for presentation on May 3 – reviewed with Jonathan
 - b. Announcements – email and flyers available – to be promoted by Willoughby Wallace Library, Stony Creek Association, and others to be discussed.
 - c. Discussion of proposal to use low sea-walls to protect from nuisance flooding to 2050
- Update on CVWG page of Town Website
 - a. Access to SCRCOG documents has been added.
 - b. Discuss setting up a Q&A portal on the website – Deb Mirto has agreed and provided some options for methods of submitting questions to be reviewed.
- Status report - SCRCOG Updated Hazard Mitigation Plan.
 - a. The Town has adopted the plan and assigned compliance to staff
 - b. Need for review of the Annex information and determine action items
- Status Review – WWTP vulnerability study
 - a. Update from Paul M regarding the award of the contract

- Status Review – Cattle Crossing flood gate study.
 - a. RTM has authorized \$100,000 of the Resiliency Fund toward this study
 - b. Need to contact John H and Fuss and O'Neill to understand status

- PZC Applications – review of the Etzel Road submissions and associated issues
 - a. DEEP comments – discussion of their letter to the PZC
 - b. Discussion of the CJL (Coastal Jurisdiction Line), 4.3 NAVD88 for Branford
 - c. Discussion of "*pursuant to CGS Section 22a-109(c). New shoreline flood and erosion control structures cannot be allowed to protect new residential construction in coastal hazard areas (DEEP letter)*".
 - d. Possible zoom call with DEEP

- FEMA – need for some research.
 - a. Proposed meeting with John Hoefflerle to better understand the municipal role
 - b. Existence of a Branford database of homes with insurance?
 - c. Should we be providing some informational assistance to the community on the website?

- Preserving our marshlands – new initiative – Curt Johnson?

- New Business – from membership

Peter Hentschel, Chairperson