

Branford Coastal Vulnerability ad hoc Working Group

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Meeting Minutes

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1. Call to Order: 430 pm by Hentschel
2. Roll Call, Present: Hentschel, Muniz, Bryson, Hanlon, Waters, Everson
3. Doug Hanlon member introduction: By Doug
4. Approval of 1/13/20 meeting notes: motion- Waters, second – Everson, All in favor

Administrative Business:

1. Establish special meeting dates for presentations by CIRCA and YSFE: CIRCA presentation planned for 2/24/20, 5 pm
2. Document update & refresher (new links, documents, tools, etc. in dropbox)
 - a. Branford Resiliency Plan of 2016
 - b. YSFE - Study of Branford - Economic Analysis of Resiliency Actions
 - c. SCRCOG - South Central Regional Framework for Coastal Resilience
 - d. Nature Conservancy - Developing Multi-Jurisdictional Geospatial Databases and Conceptual Designs to Advance Regional Resilience

Working Business:

1. Defining CVWG goals and objectives (initiation of a continuing topic)

A discussion of the Branford POCD (2018) and Branford Coastal Resilience Plan (2016) took place.

The identification of data resources and mapping results within the 2016 report was discussed. The range of big-picture solutions presented in the 2016 report was also discussed, but the direct applicability to individual locations in town was recognized to still be vague.

The checklist of POCD goals related to coastal vulnerability was identified as a starting target for CVWG output. Data to be obtained, consistent with the checklist, has its greatest value in increasing awareness and justifying any subsequent activities.

2. Discussion of sea level, tide, definitions:
 - Topographic elevation
 - Tide variation, daily/seasonally,
 - Mean low water, mean lower low water
 - Mean tide level
 - Mean high tide, mean higher high water

Assignments:

1. Read POCD , 2016 Branford Resiliency report and 2018 SCRCOG Hazard Mitigation Plan – both are posted in the Group dropbox