

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

Zoom Meeting Agenda: Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 5:00 PM

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Meeting ID: 840 3632 4433, Passcode: 696075, Phone 646-558-8656

- Call to Order and Roll Call
- Approval of Meeting Notes for 9/26/23 and 6/27/23 meeting notes
- Discuss status and next steps on the following initiatives:
 - a. Nature based solutions to resilience – Curt Johnson
Goal: identifying nature-based solutions to coastal resilience in marshlands and beaches
 - Brief presentation by Curt
 - b. Research on Regs and Ordinance tools - PZC / CVWG joint working group.
Goal: to determine actions to build resilience through ordinances and/or zoning regulations.
 - (UCONN Law / CIRCA) Louanne Cooley's legal "tool kit" for municipalities
 - CCM - request to research recent ordinances and zoning regulations.
 - CIRCA website – review of new resources
 - SCRCOG – resources that might be available thru scrcog
 - c. SCRCOG Updated Hazard Mitigation Plan
Goal: to determine which Branford projects SCRCOG has recently prioritized
 - Special meeting scheduled for Thursday with John Hoeffler
 - d. DEEP's role in resilience action
Goal: to determine roles DEEP plays in control over resilience activities - protecting low roadways, nuisance flooding retention walls, etc.
 - Call to DEEP regarding flood walls and zoning issues
 - e. FEMA - to add a FEMA info section to the website
Goal: to add an informational section to the CVWG web page explaining flood insurance and mapping.
 - Update on discussions with Michael Amatrudo
 - f. Approaches to resilience by other towns and states
Goal: to determine if other towns have taken innovative steps to resilience.
 - Update on any contacts made
 - g. Next Presentation – Branford River Neighborhoods
Goal to build public awareness, feedback, and public involvement.
 - Report on subgroup strategy meeting
 - h. WWTP vulnerability study
Goal: to promote the "hardening" of the town's sanitary system and treatment plan.
 - Report on status of the Phase 1 engineering study

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- i. CVWG page of Town Website

Goal: to make our webpage more interactive and responsive to public needs regarding coastal resilience.

- Q&A portal on the website - review of webpage draft

- j. Cattle Crossing flood gate study

Goal: to track this project and to determine how AMTRAK has responded to issues regarding flooding against their elevated track beds

- Update on CIRCA/Fuss and O'Neil study and Special Meeting with John H

- k. Stony Creek CV sub-group

Goal: work with the SCA subgroup to initiate actual resilience projects in the Stony Creek.

- Update on recent meetings

Peter Hentschel, Chairperson