

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, November 28, 2023, 5:00 PM

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Meeting ID: 884 4933 1165, Passcode: 715664, Phone 646-558-8656

- Call to Order and Roll Call
- Approval of Meeting Notes for 10/24/23
- Discuss status and next steps on the following initiatives:
 - a. 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 on CIRCA website – update on topics published.
 - CCM - request to research recent ordinances and zoning regulations.
 - b. SCRCOG Updated Hazard Mitigation Plan
Goal: to determine which Branford projects SCRCOG has recently prioritized
 - Review of Special Meeting held on Thursday 10/26 with John Hoeffler
 - Schedule a mention of this Update at a future RTM meeting
 - c. 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
 - Pre-call discussion with John Lust
 - Pre-call discussion with Robert Mendelsohn
 - Review PPT materials prepped for the DEEP discussion.
 - d. 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 scheduled call with Michael Amatrudo
 - Info sent to the group with info on the FEMA Community Rating system that Sharon found including a list and manual.
 - e. 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.
 - f. Next Presentation – Branford River Neighborhoods
Goal to build public awareness, feedback, and public involvement.
 - Report on progress

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- g. WWTP vulnerability study.
Goal: to promote the “hardening” of the town’s sanitary system and treatment plan.
- Status of the final engineering report to Town on Phase 1 survey work
- h. 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 - webpage information sent to Town IT director.
- i. 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 from 10/26 Special Meeting with John H
- j. Stony Creek CV sub-group.
Goal: work with the SCA subgroup to initiate actual resilience projects in Stony Creek.
- Update on Title Search Proposal of Criscuolo regarding Phase 1 secondary access study. Materials under review by the Stony Creek Association
 - Roadway tidal floodwalls – Prepped for DEEP meeting on this topic.

Peter Hentschel, Chairperson