

Branford Coastal Vulnerability ad hoc Working Group

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Zoom Meeting Agenda: Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 5:00 PM

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BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

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- Call to Order and Roll Call
- Approval of Meeting Notes for 1/23/24
- Discuss status and next steps on the following initiatives:
 - a. Report – meeting with Chief Mahoney regarding key locations of road flooding which impact delivery of emergency services.
 - b. CIRCA sea level monitoring and emergency notification system trials – Branford participation
Goal: to acquire new data on tidal sea level cycles and resulting road flooding.
Goal: to allow Branford to use their alert system to put out “micro-alerts” to neighborhoods
 - c. WWTP vulnerability study.
Goal: to promote the “hardening” of the town’s sanitary system and treatment plan.
 - d. Roadway Flooding & Public Safety
Goal: to investigate possible resilience actions and to prioritize key flood locations
 - e. Zoning Regulation and Town Ordinance tools - PZC / CVWG joint working group.
Goal: to determine actions to build resilience through ordinances and/or zoning regulations.
 - f. 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.
 - g. CVWG page of Town Website - Q&A portal, possible Facebook page, FEMA page
Goal: to make our webpage more interactive and responsive to public needs regarding coastal resilience.
 - h. Next Presentation – Branford River Neighborhoods
Goal to build public awareness, feedback, and public involvement.
 - i. Approaches to resilience by other towns and states
Goal: to determine if other towns have taken innovative steps to resilience.
 - 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
 - k. Stony Creek CV sub-group.
Goal: work with the SCA subgroup to initiate actual resilience projects in Stony Creek.

Peter Hentschel, Chairperson