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Waterways Management Advisory Board  
Public Forum  
Tuesday February 2, 2021 at 4pm  
Town Office

CALL TO ORDER – Roy Myers opened the meeting at 4:00pm.

Present: Roy Myers, John Marrah, Mark Van Fleet, Mark Welsh, Town Manager Jean Weisman and Planning and Zoning Officer Kymberly Kudla. Also, in attendance Commissioners Harrod, Bibb and duPont, Brent Jett & Steve Marsh of GMB, and 22 members of the general public.

Chairman Myers opened the discussion to the Harbor and Stormwater Infrastructure Assessment dated January 11, 2021, he gave a brief description of events leading up to the Harbor and Stormwater Infrastructure Assessment study.

Brent Jett introduced Steve Marsh of GMB. Brent provided a PowerPoint overview of the report relating to sea level rise, areas of concern, planning recommendations and strategies, phases and next steps answering any questions from the attendees.

Both Member Myers and Marrah preferred to plan to the higher end of the projected Sea Level Rise.

Mr. duPont questioned if it would be necessary to pass an Ordinance requiring a specific height of future bulkheads.

Discussion continued regarding grants, partnerships and budgets, the potential of tax credits to residences and businesses based on the cost of the improvements to a build to a higher standard.

Chairman Myers recalled being told by a FEMA personnel that they prefer being proactive by providing funds to those areas needing improvements, rather than paying for a rebuild afterward. He noted that due to the study that there is now a baseline in place showing where the CBMM will be impacted allowing them to apply for Grants in partnership with the Town. It was suggested hiring a grant writer along with a committee to hire a consultant for further research.

Mr. Marrah stated that Honeymoon Bridge, the area at the end of Cherry St, and Mill Street culvert are less challenging than the Burns Street issues.

Doug Rollow noted that there are intermediate plans for waterfront properties on Water Street. Jesper Andersen, Douglas Lane applauded the commission on being proactive. Mr. Bibb commented on needing to move forward with grants due to uncertainties in future legislation.

Ms. Greenaway of CBMM noted that the museum's task force will be meeting in a few days and looks forward to working with everyone. Justin Nonemaker of Foxy's, St. Michaels Crab and Steak and the Marina noted that he is thrilled to see this proactive approach by the Town and is willing to be a resource and volunteer time necessary to help with this project and does have significant long-term plans for the marina and Crab and Steakhouse property to elevate our businesses to ensure long term viability to this critical St Michaels infrastructure. Also stated that as the Town knows, we are relocating the marina oil tanks OUT of the flood plain this March which is a \$400,000 project. This is the first phase of a significant long term capital expenditure and is willing to coordinate future projects with the Town as will likely have cost efficiencies that will benefit both parties.

The meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.

Minutes approved as submitted by 4-0 vote in favor on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

  
Roy Myers, Chairman