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Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday July 8, 2021 at 5pm  
Virtual

CALL TO ORDER –Meeting opened the meeting at 5:05pm.

Present: Roy Myers, John Marrah, Andrew Thaler, Jon Clarke, Bill Boicourt, Doug Rollow, Dennis Glackin, Commissioner Mike Bibb and Zoning Officer Kymberly Kudla. One member of the public was in attendance.

### **Minutes**

Member Marrah made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Member Glackin seconded it and the motion passed on a voice vote of 7-0 in favor.

### **Items for Discussion**

#### **- Rules of Procedure**

Member Glackin made three recommendations for changes to the ROP which included adding virtually to section 3, allowing public comment at beginning of meeting in section 8, and changing Planning Commission to CC/SLRC in section 12.

Member Myers made the motion to approve the rules of procedure as amended. Member Thaler seconded it and the motion passed on a vote of 7-0 in favor.

#### **- Harbor Study**

Chairman Myers presented photos taken in October of 2019 to help visualize sea level predictions. He then began reviewing the PowerPoint presentation created by GMB to summarize the Stormwater and Harbor Infrastructure Study.

Presentation started with Sea Level Rise predictions. Member Boicourt questioned the numbers and offered to review and provide updated numbers.

Discussion ensued on elevations and floodplain regulations. Member Glackin inquired into when FEMA maps are to be revised.

Member Boicourt offered to investigate tide gauges. Due to another engagement, he signed off the meeting at 6:01pm.

Member Thaler offered the use of a CTD sensor as a temporary measure to compare data to see if a more permanent gauge would be beneficial. Chairman Myers requested he draft a proposal up for use of the sensors.

Chairman Myers continued the presentation with proposed recommendations and strategies. Discussion ensued on how businesses are intending to adjust to SLR. Member Marrah suggested having Justin Nonemaker attend a meeting on behalf of the Marina.

Discussion ensued on the different strategies recommended. Member Marrah suggested eliminating strategy #4 (Install a berm with sump pump system behind it at the back of the houses on Water St, along the marina) for now as it is not a reasonable scenario. Chairman Myers suggested adding strategies for Carpenter Street as well.

Presentation continued with a discussion on next steps which included the Maritime Museum's future plans. Members requested a copy of the plans for the welcome center.

Discussion moved on to GMB's proposal for advisory services.

Member Marrah made a motion to send GMB's proposal on to the Commissioners for approval. Member Glackin seconded it and the motion passed on a vote of 6-0 in favor.

Chairman Myers opened the floor up to the members on thoughts about the next steps. Chairman Myers and Member Glackin will meet to discuss strategies for August meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.

Minutes approved as submitted by 7:0 vote in favor on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

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Roy Myers, Chairman