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Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 5pm

**CALL TO ORDER** –Meeting opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Present: Roy Myers, Dennis Glackin, Doug Rollow, Jon Clarke, Andrew Thaler, Town Administrator Rob Straebel and Town Staff Kris Kakabar. Member Bill Boicourt present via zoom. One public attendee via zoom.

**Minutes**

Member Glackin motioned to approve the November 10, 2022, and December 6, 2022, minutes as submitted. Seconded by Member Thaler and carried on a vote of 6-0 in favor.

**Public Comment**

One public attended via zoom.

**Items from CC/SLR Commission for discussion:**

Review of RFP's, not official until Commissioners vote on this next week.

First: West Harbor Road/East Chew Avenue RFP

Received three bids: AMT, Bayland, and GMB, which were reviewed by Mr. Marrah, Mr. Glackin, Mr. Rollow, Mr. Myers, and Town Administrator Rob Straebel.

After much discussion of the merits of all three proposals, the commission discussed in detail the GMB proposal and had the following concerns:

1. Coverage for community by-in and participation.
2. All options are thought through and presented to public to convey complete thoroughness of process.
3. Adequate focus on stormwater concern.

Diverse solutions and creative approaches (out-of-the-box thinking) need to be addressed not just standard protocol by GMB. GMB should pursue to delve into all issues, especially stormwater, and emphasis on community engagement.

Mr. Myers requested a motion to recommend to Commissioners of St. Michaels at the December 14, 2022 meeting to accept the proposal by GMB. Mr. Rollow seconded the motion and carried on a vote of 6-0.

Second: San Domingo Creek/Back Creek Park RFP

Received one bid from Bayland, which was reviewed by Mr. Glackin, Mr. Myers, and Mr. Thaler. Reviewed this with Sasha Land, from DNR. Per Ms. Land, the below items are approved to be discussed when finalizing the contract. Mr. Myers spoke with a representative from Bayland, and they agree.

Further discussion items with Bayland:

1. Community outreach project scheduling.

## 2. Final documentation in Back Creek Park.

Mr. Myers requested a motion to recommend to Commissioners of St. Michaels at the December 14, 2022 meeting to accept the RFP proposal by Bayland for the San Domingo Creek/Back Creek Park and the entire watershed on the westside of town. Mr. Thaler seconded the motion and carried on a vote of 6-0.

### St. Michaels Floodwatch Update

Mr. Thaler presented to the Commissioners at their last meeting November 9, 2022. The next step is to present to the public via Constant Contact (drafted by Mr. Thaler). Mr. Thaler is scheduling a Lunch & Learn Presentation with Kate Vogel from Maryland DNR at the St. Michaels Library between January 18-20, 2023. He continues to work on interactive interface improvements on the site. We should anticipate general RFP questions at this meeting.

### December Constant Contacts

We will proceed with a Constant Contact (CC) and website announcement for the 2 awarded grants, Mr. Glackin and Mr. Myers will complete a draft with Mr. Rollow's input.

Discussion was held regarding the best method to keep the public abreast and involved in the project. General decision was to announce meetings via CC and/or website (with a link on the front page, the Town will assist in facilitating these notifications), consider collecting email addresses from public stakeholders' subset at the first meeting, and the consulting company should also be sending out information to the community.

### Burns Street Concept Plan

CC/SLRC budget status obtained from Town Finance Clerk, Kathy Eglseder. Of the \$25,000 budget, \$3957 has been used to date, most with Casey Rauch for the 4- and 6-foot renderings.

In June 2022, we received an estimate of \$4620 by Casey Rauch for Burns St. and completion of Mill Street concept plans and to have him complete Burns Street. Mr. Myers made motion to retain services of Casey Rauch to complete Concept Plans for the rest of Mill St. and Burns St. Mr. Glackin seconded motion and carried by vote of 6-0.

Mr. Myers proposed requesting Casey Rauch to develop a concept design for Honeymoon Bridge for a complete inclusive concept of this entire area. Mr. Glackin acknowledged this is already included in the MDEM proposal and we should wait until notification if MDEM grant is awarded. If the grant is not awarded, then proceed with Rauch. Mr. Thaler agreed with forward progress of this conceptual planning as described.

Mr. Rollow questioned, whether on Burns St., we need Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) input. Mr. Boicourt provided input and doesn't see any major modification to this area. CBMM is supportive of the project. Mr. Rollow inquired if an official agreement is necessary from the museum. Mr. Myers, Mr. Boicourt, and Ms. Kristen Greenaway can have further discussions if needed, during an on-site walk through of proposed areas. Also invited Mr. Glackin and Mr. Straebel, Town Administrator.

Per prior discussion with Casey Rauch; there will be opportunities for input from stakeholders into the plans. Myers and Mr. Boicourt will present to CBMM task force next meeting and believe it will be a favorable response for coordination of efforts.

Consensus was to await CBMM response before proceeding.

**Other Issues**


No new issues.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Rollow and carried through on a vote of 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:41pm

Minutes approved as submitted by \_\_\_ vote in favor on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.

  
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Roy Myers, Chairman