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Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 5pm

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

Present: Roy Myers, Dennis Glackin, Doug Rollow, William Boicourt, Andrew Thaler, Town Planner Steve Ball and Town Staff Kris Kakabar and Member Jonathan Clarke present via zoom (joined after first two agenda items discussed). Guest speakers: Anna Johnson, Coastal Engineer with Bayland Consultants, and Sasha Land, Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Seven in-person public attendees and one via zoom.

**Election of Officers**

Member Rollow moved to keep incumbents the same as present, Roy Myers as Chair and Dennis Glackin as Vice Chair. No other nominations made. Motion seconded by Member Thaler and carried on a vote of 5-0 in favor.

**Minutes**

Member Glackin motioned to approve the December 8, 2022; minutes as submitted. Seconded by Member Boicourt and carried on a vote of 5-0 in favor.

**Kickoff meeting with Bayland for San Domingo Creek and Westside Stormwater and Harbor Infrastructure Assessment and Flood Mitigation Study:**

Mr. Myers introduced guest attendees today, Sasha Land with Dept. of DNR, and Anna Johnson with Bayland.

Mr. Myers provided brief introduction to all present of the 2020 Study funded by DNR looking at our main Harbor at sea level rise and at-risk areas which should be looked at by 2050 and develop mitigation plans for this area. We went out to bid to do a follow-on study for San Domingo Creek west side of St. Michaels and selected Bayland to execute this for us.

Anna Johnson will examine both flooding from coastal flooding sources and stormwater runoff for the San Domingo Creek area, which includes from Canton Street south to Boundary Lane and the limit being west of Talbot Street. First task of the project is information gathering, supplemented by field investigations and surveys and photo documentation in the next couple weeks-2months. Project schedule timeline presented on screen to public and committee.

Estimated Schedule is:

March - Public meeting to allow feedback.

Next six weeks – Vulnerability assessment to flooding or coastal erosion, these will be ranked to develop prioritization table to address flooding. CC/SLRC will help us develop this table and provide areas of intrinsic value to the community.

Mid-April (10-12 weeks to design project and strategies) – Bayland will take the top project to 30% of the schematic design.

Mid-July – Strategies developed and the alternatives analysis and start working on the implementation plan. The final part of the mitigation study. Another public meeting.

Mid-Sept. – Submit a draft of whole study for CC/SLRC to review.

October - Last public meeting and present entire study via power point at that time.

Mid-December 2023 - Should be totally complete.

There was a variety of discussion items with the public.

Items needed per Anna Johnson from Bayland Engineering include:

1. Need Town/County as built data for stormwater infrastructure to put into the model to run the data.
  - Mr. Myers has requested from Public Works.
2. Any existing flood mitigation studies in past incorporating this area.
  - Sasha Land – Original GMB study: look at what they are saying for their sea level rise numbers, as there are new studies out by NOAA (changes may be minimal).
3. Any existing utilities information is helpful to ensure feasibility of proposal.
  - Storm Sewer Pump Station on Grace Street is controlled by Talbot County. Mr. Myers will speak with them.
4. Areas of Concern:
  - Grace Street
  - Back Creek Park
  - Canton Street
  - All roads on San Domingo Creek area slope down into this area. (Mr. Myers)
5. Sea level rise guidance document to be used for recommendations to use (high vs. low tolerance for flood risk). Mr. Myers would like to review with the CC/SLRC then come back to the table to review this with Anna Johnson and Sasha Land. Sasha Land agreed that she can explain how Anne Arundel used NOAA's numbers in methodology and science.

It was also noted:

-Mr. Myers requested more info on NOAA studies. Sasha Land will review Mr. Myers.

-Mr. Myers will schedule future meetings with Sasha Land and Anna Johnson to look more at the MD projections and tide gauge on the San Domingo side, which was used on the Miles River side.

Anna Johnson, Bayland, anticipated work: Once as built information is received. Storm water crew will make map of town and walk the town in last of January. Our Stormwater crew will also be out there to obtain topographic information data collection.

Mr. Myers requested input from the CC/SLRC and residents.

Mr. Shook: Stated there will be other areas needing addressing and plans for this. In response Mr. Myers said options for addressing items will be considered and in report. What would be the most effective way to address the issues on private property? Mr. Myers: Bayland will investigate private and non-private property.

Sasha Land said: water on private property and wetland area will be captured by the evaluation and addressed accordingly.

**Public Comment**

One public attended via zoom.

**Discussion of First Quarter Calendar**

January 19 at 11:00am: "St. Michaels Floodwatch" Lunch and Learn at the St. Michaels Branch of the Talbot County Library, by Andrew Thaler and Kate Vogel.

January 19 at 3:00pm: Kickoff meeting with GMB for West Harbor Road/East Chew Avenue Flood Mitigation Feasibility Assessment and Conceptual Design

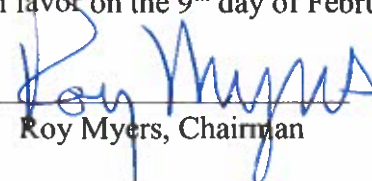
Sign-up sheet for attendees to keep abreast of this project.

**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 6:05pm.

Minutes approved as submitted by 6-0 vote in favor on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

  
Roy Myers, Chairman