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Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 5pm

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

Present: Roy Myers, Dennis Glackin, John Marrah, Doug Rollow, Jonathan Clarke, Andrew Thaler, and Town Staff Kris Kakabar. Public attendees: one via zoom, none in person.

**Minutes**

Member Glackin motioned to approve the Climate Change/Sea Level Rise minutes from January 12, 2023, January 19, 2023, and February 9, 2023, as submitted; seconded by Member Marrah and carried on a vote of 6-0 in favor.

**Public Comment:**

None.

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

*Review of GMB Contract Amendment-*

Brent Jett, engineer with GMB was invited to attend this evening but was unable to participate. Mr. Myers provided overview. Next Town Commissioners meeting on March 22, 2023, revisions, and updates to proposed contract amendment will be drafted and presented to Commissioners once finalized for approval. Net increase is roughly \$10,000 from original contract. Two items discussed with Rob Straebel, Town Administrator. First- the new document should be presented as a contract amendment and Second- the stormwater issue at 25- and 100-year rain events should be considered in a network cistern or other types of systems.

Mr. Marrah stated he would like definitions of terms: volume of water and probability of occurrence. Mr. Rollow added definition of “focus area” and “rain shed area”. Mr. Glackin clarified that GMB was asked to handle the stormwater evaluation for the Harbor focus area not the entire Town.

**Summary:**

Need to know definitions of terms.

Probability of the volume of water coming into this area in the 25/50/75/100-year.

Solutions for the deficiencies from the volumes of water.

Mr. Thaler clarified a new term to this area as “tempered rain forest” due to volumes of water seen. Mr. Glackin suggested our need to manage the 2-year storm event with high volumes of rain in a short time frame vs. the 100-year storm events.

Complete Storm Water Management Analysis of Existing Network: Storm water pipes maps are owned by St. Michaels. Talbot County has the sewer pipes maps. GMB was provided what is available.

Public Outreach: March 30, 2023, meeting is scheduled, and a Constant Contact will be sent.

Question/concern regarding budgeted cost proposed by GMB for these meetings, as \$5000 for the two meetings seems a little out of line.

Concept Sketches: Remove all reference to Town Marina needs changed to Town slip area. Add slip recommendations. Draft and sketches reviewed by CC/SLRC before public and once ready present to the COSM. There is no discussion to a cistern pro or con, this needs to be included. Cross-sections from the original contract disappeared in this report, we need to ensure it is included and keep the original contract with the amendment being the additives and clarifications to the original contract and clarify the ambiguity of the contract fees.

Information and Options Review with TOSM: Clarification of term "TOSM stakeholders"- includes whom.

Final Documents and Report to TOSM: GMB changed timeline of dates for progression schedule, recommend we return to original.

Mr. Glackin and Mr. Myers will draft a revision of the GMB grant amendment for Town Administrator, Rob Straebel to review.

### **Public Comment**

Jesper Andersen, via zoom, "What can I do to help."

*Discussion on 5 feet for San Domingo Creek, West Harbor Rd./East Chew Ave. and Mill St. at the Culvert.*  
Members were provided the letter sent to the Commissioners. A letter from Casey Rauch, regarding increasing Mill Street to elevation 5foot, including challenges and solutions, as well as hard cost estimates, will be provided to members once received. He is on the agenda for meeting in April. Funding is under investigation. CC/SLRC consensus is to build the street to as high as feasibly possible with some primary concerns being cost effective and existing buildings/businesses along this area.

### *Tide Staff for San Domingo Creek Update*

Mr. Thaler and Mr. Boicourt located a visible place to install the tide staff on the pier at San Domingo Creek. BayLand shot benchmarks (coordinates) on the bulkhead which Mr. Thaler will use to shoot the level of the pier and set the tide staff.

### *MDEM Advanced Assistance Grant Status*

The grant has gone to FEMA for analysis/consideration, and we are awaiting to hear more. Mr. Myers will communicate with FEMA for timeframe for approval updates.

### *2023 Budget Update for CC/SLRC*

Bulkhead work was reappropriated from our budget. Still owe Rauch Inc. for Burns Street and Mill St. 5-foot elevation analysis. We are requesting \$25,000 funds for the 2023-24 budget.

### **Announcements**

March 16, 2023- BayLand Community Input Session

March 30, 2023- GMB Community Input Session

**Public Comment**

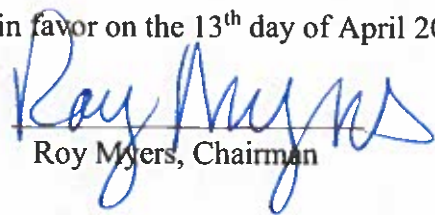
No additional.

**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 6:00pm.

Minutes approved as submitted by 4-0 vote in favor on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.



Roy Myers, Chairman