

Coastal Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Hearing Room 3 — Marshfield Town Hall
2014 May 01

COMMITTEE PRESENT:

- Elizabeth Mulroy (Chair)
- Ben Cowie-Haskell (Vice Chair)
- Thomas Fleming
- Sean Robinson (Clerk)

1. Call to order

Ms. Mulroy called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

2. Approval of Clerk's Minutes

Ms. Mulroy called for objections or corrections to the minutes of the 2014 February 27 meeting of the Committee. Seeing none, she declared the minutes approved as distributed.

3. Status of DPW projects (Rod Procaccino/Tom Reynolds)

Mr. Procaccino and Mr. Reynolds were to report about DPW projects relating to coastal issues. They were unable to both make the date of the present meeting, but rescheduled to May 8. They requested that the Committee prepare a set of questions in advance to help them prepare most effectively for the meeting.

The Committee used this agenda item to discuss their questions for the DPW officials, which are paraphrased below:

- Please articulate your criteria for deciding which project grants to apply for and which not to.
- What are the government entities that come in to play on coastal projects? What is the approval process for coastal projects?

- What would Mr. Reynolds (from his point of view as a member of the CAC selection committee) like the Committee to help the DPW with? What things does the DPW *not* need the Committee's help with?
- Are you concerned about sea level rise? Why?
- FEMA modeling shows that the Dyke Road dike and Rexhame beach are "weak links" in our coastal protection. Is this true, and if so, what can be done about it?
- What are the top 5 projects that you would like accomplished to address sea level rise?
- What institutional arrangements are needed to handle sea level rise better in the Town?

No motions or votes on this agenda item.

4. Education and Outreach

(a) Report — School Symposium

Mr. Robinson updated the Committee on the planning progress for the upcoming science symposium being organized by the Furnace Brook Middle School for which the Committee is providing support.

- The symposium will take place on May 30 during the school day at FBMS.
- The symposium has the enthusiastic support of the FBMS principal and superintendent.
- The manpower includes 5 expert speakers in the morning, plus additional experts who will aid with a mapping and decision-making exercise in afternoon.
- At this point, plans are moving forward, with assorted action items assigned as jobs to individual people.

(b) Report — SLR Public Forum

Mr. Cowie-Haskell updated the Committee on the planning progress on the upcoming public forum to discuss sea level rise in Marshfield.

- There will be two symposiums: first on May 22 7–8:30pm at FBMS, for a presentation of the problem; and second on June 3 to have a discussion of solutions.
- A final schedule and press announcement are attached. See pages 4 and 5 below.

No motions or votes on this agenda item.

5. Report to Board of Selectmen

As required by its mission statement, the Committee will meet with the Board of Selectman to report a summary of its activities over the past

year. This report will take place at the Board's regular weekly meeting on May 12.

Ms. Mulroy has transmitted an advanced copy of a summary report for the Selectmen to Mr. Longo for his feedback in advance of the meeting. She will send out a copy to the Committee members in advance of the May 12 meeting.

No motions or votes on this agenda item.

6. Adjourn

Mr. Cowie-Haskell moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Flemming seconded the motion. No further discussion. The Committee voted 4-0 in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Robinson
Coastal Advisory Committee Clerk

WHERE'S OUR BEACH? A PUBLIC FORUM ON THE IMPACTS OF SEA LEVEL RISE ON MARSHFIELD'S COASTAL RESOURCES AND VILLAGES

When: May 22, 7:00-8:30pm

Where: Furnace Brook Middle School Auditorium

Who: Marshfield residents, subject matter experts, public officials, and the general public (open to other towns)

- 7:00pm**
- Welcome by Selectman John Hall
 - Moderator's Welcome and Review of Program- Jim Robinson
 - Introducing Marshfield's Coastal Challenge and the Role of the Coastal Advisory Committee- Betty Mulroy, CAC Chair
 - What is Sea Level Rise?- Ben Cowie-Haskell, CAC Vice Chair
 - Preparing for the Rising Tide: How is Boston planning for and responding to sea level rise?- Julie Wormser, Exec. Director, Boston Harbor Association
 - Where will it flood from sea level rise and what are the impacts? – Andre Martecchini, Kleinfelder Group, Inc.
 - Moderated Panel Discussion and Questions and Answers- State Representative Jim Cantwell; Andre Martecchini, Engineer; Jay Wennemer, Town Conservation Agent; Tom Reynolds, Dept of Public Works; and Julie Wormser, BHA
- 8:30pm**
- Closing- John Hall and Betty Mulroy

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Announcing Two Public Forums on Sea Level Rise

The Marshfield Coastal Advisory Committee will hold two informational forums to raise community awareness about projected sea level rise, storm surges and impact on vulnerable areas of Marshfield's coast. The forums are not about FEMA maps, although an update will be provided. The first forum will be held on May 22 and the second forum on June 3rd at Furnace Brook Middle School Auditorium from 7 - 8:30 PM

The forums are based on a Scituate, Marshfield and Duxbury regional sea level rise study by Kleinfelder Associates which modeled a 2038 sea level rise projection of 1.08 feet above today's level. The study modeled flooding impact on three areas in Marshfield; the; Brant Rock Area, Ocean and Winslow Streets Area and the Rexhame Road Area and offered potential adaptation strategies.

Andre Martecchini, PE, of Kleinfelder Associates will be the featured presenter at the May 22 Forum and will use high quality aerial maps and graphics to illustrate the extent of sea level rise and storm surge vulnerability and flooding in 25 years (2038). The second part of the forum will be a moderated panel discussion with questions and answers and updates from State Representative Jim Cantwell, Andre Martecchini of Kleinfelder Associates, Julie Wormser of the Boston Harbor Association, Tom Reynolds DPW Superintendent and Jay Wennemer, Town Conservation Agent.

The featured presenter at the June 3rd forum will again be Andre Martecchini who will focus on potential adaptation strategies for sea level rise and storm surges such as beach nourishment, flood-proofing, rebuilding sea walls and more. The second part of the forum will be a moderated panel discussion with questions and answers and updates from State Representative Jim Cantwell and professionals from various fields such as real estate, insurance, and financial planning.

The website for the CAC is <http://www.townofmarshfield.org/government-boards-coastadv-homepage.htm>