

**STEERING COMMITTEE
COASTAL RISKS AND HAZARDS COMMISSION**

Friday, February 5th, 2016

9:00AM – 11:00AM

NHDES Portsmouth Regional Office – Room D
Pease International Tradeport
222 International Drive, Suite 175
Portsmouth, NH

Draft Minutes

Attendance

Cameron Wake, Roger Stephenson, Cliff Sinnott, Senator Nancy Stiles (arrived at 9:15am), Senator David Watters, Cory Riley, Steve Couture (phone), Sherry Godlewski (phone), Jennifer Gilbert (phone)

Others attending: Kirsten Howard, Nathalie Morison, Julie LaBranche

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order

Cliff called to order at 9:08am.

2. Approval of Minutes from December 8th, 2016 Meeting [5 min] *(Attached)*

Kirsten will correct the date.

Steve Couture made motion to approve.

All ayes—minutes approved.

3. Draft Report Update— Are we there yet? [55 min] *Nathalie Morison, Kirsten Howard, & Report Group*

a. Latest revisions

Steve Couture sent comments to Nathalie and Kirsten and Sherry this morning.

Nathalie walked Steering Committee through the report.

Suggestions for edits:

- Introduction should start at Section 1. Previous sections shouldn't be numbered. Put definitions and acronyms at the back.
- Sherry suggested define mitigation, be clear that it is sometimes used as greenhouse gas emissions reductions but in this report it's the FEMA definition. Don't use the term mitigation unless it is needed.
- Cam explained need to be consistent with adaptation, adaptive capacity, adaptability, vulnerability, etc.
- Group suggested another check of the acronyms: PREP, RPC, SRPC
- Cam will add a caveat to the extreme precipitation definition
- Cory wants to add ecosystem services definition
- Cam is going to send a paragraph on freshwater flooding/Lamprey River Watershed Study

Where We Go From Here section (newly added by Cliff)

- Sen. Stiles suggested consistency in order: storm surge, sea-level rise, and extreme precipitation
- Cam will send comments. Need to reiterate that there's no uncertainty about rising sea levels, but that the questions are how much? and when?
- Check consistent use of term sea-level rise
- Julie suggested additional change to "if small additional costs." Made an additional small change.
- Sen. Watters suggested consider financial resources needed at state and municipal level to act/address
- Sherry would support putting funding in as a first step.
- Remove reference to short-term/medium/long-term designation for recommendations.
- Sen. Stiles said comma is needed after "policies"
- Cam said we need a better figure 3, with better legend
- Page 27: delete figure 10

Group did not decide whether to make a table on s/m/l term, cost, etc. If this happens, it will be at a later date.

Cory suggested need to make a recommendation for an action plan to determine cost, timeframe, etc.

Sen. Watters suggested state that the lead responsible parties will determine the cost and timeframe themselves

Nathalie suggested bring recommendation language about who are these for up to the front of section (general agreement)

Storm surge and SLR maps

Nathalie mentioned storm surge and SLR maps from Great Bay municipalities are coming from Kyle Pimental

Sen. Watters said these maps should be illustrative

Cory suggested the group think about the point of the maps. Should we zoom in or show the whole coast?

Sen. Watters wanted to zoom in a little more for two versions of the maps

Group wanted bigger/full page maps

Group agreed area should be Hampton-Seabrook beach, including Ocean Boulevard

Cam noted a separate issue on this section—there's nothing on freshwater flooding in this section.

Sen. Watters responded that that was intentional.

Cliff agreed with Cam that the report would be more complete if it did deal with freshwater.

Sherry suggested that when we get to Great Bay communities, let's include a map of the change in the 100-year floodplain.

Cliff suggested the Lamprey River Watershed study—interesting stuff is change in land use, change in the storm amounts.

Cam will put together the Lamprey River example.

Cliff will do a time series analysis of coastal counties room and meals tax looking over time. Will send results.

Roadways and transportation assets

Will add Great Bay transportation table in appendix—this will eventually be replaced with C-RiSe data in the text.

Cory suggested: When we roll out the draft, let's ask stakeholders what tables/figures are useful.

Critical Infrastructure

Cam suggested let's mention electricity/grid in that section. He will write a couple sentences.

Natural Resources

Cory will simplify the Tides to Storms table.

Our Heritage

Change word in definition of Our Heritage to "includes"

Understanding What We Need to Do

Sherry will send edits on this section.

Cliff will rewrite sentence to discuss structural techniques and nuances.

Cory asked what about the do nothing option?

Julie added some communities are recognizing that do nothing is an option.

No agreement amongst the group. No decision to change this.

Other comments should go to Nathalie and Kirsten after the meeting.

Recommendations

Small edit to number of recommendations in preamble.

General agreement that numbering scheme is good.

Nathalie mentioned the track changes document for the small organizational changes made.

S5—are we saying legislature should enhance funding?

Nathalie suggested dividing into 2 recommendations

Decision was to keep as is for legislature—begin with "Enhance" "through State Agencies"

CC1—add restoration in j.

Allow municipalities to have lower tax rate in order to address SLR

79 e expansion: Consider ...tax breaks to...for improvements to

Innovative land use statute (maybe add to Current Use Tax)

Time check: 11am

Senators can stay until 11:30am

BL2: floodplain management

Action B and C

In ci. Should we reference the STAP?

The STAP—maybe a for example?

Sen Watters asked Could we get Action B in the 10 year transportation plan?

Cliff mentioned that's a good question for Kevin Nyhan. They have to incorporate it anyways because they use federal funding.

Jennifer cautioned that there is a struggle with Action C, Unsure what the feedback will be.

Group agreed to point it out during the public comment sessions for feedback.

Sen. Watters mentioned that state statute already enables them to use projections.

Nathalie will highlight this recommendation at full commission meeting.

Kirsten and Nathalie will add reference to STAP and FEMA floodplain maps to bi and ci.

b. Presentation to Commission for adoption

Everyone will send their edits and assignments to Nathalie and Kirsten by the end of the day on Tuesday.

Goal is to send Report and Recommendations to Commission by February 12.

Motion for adoption to release for public comment will be made at February 19 Commission meeting at Pease.

Goal is to have event at Brown's Lobster Pound on March 18 for public release.

c. Other

No other topics were raised.

4. Report from Outreach/Communications Workgroup [20 min]-- *Roger Stephenson, Nathalie* Communications group formed.

- Materials were given to aide for hearings—452
- Public engagement; planning to do public release event with Seacoast Legislators (Roger will be in touch with Senator Stiles)
 - 10am-11am with chowder following. Someone gives an overview of process and report. Cliff, 10 minutes.
 - Testimonials from a Seacoast Rep, Great Bay rep, State agency rep, and someone from Homebuilders
 - Cliff will follow up on the new Hampton community representative
 - State agency presenter: identified Steve Couture
 - Cory suggested consider NHDOT: Kevin Nyhan—might be a good presenter
 - Senators Stiles and Watters suggested could write a joint op-ed (750 words)

5. CRHC Timeline Update: detailed schedule [20] – February to November

- Nathalie described public comment period
- Watters mentioned crossover timing, should mention 2 bills (Stiles could perhaps do that, or Fred)
- UNH Marine Docents want to help, Cory offered coordinating that with volunteers
- Will also send as a big email release
- Internal state agency effort that Sherry is leading will be engaged
- One page talking points—Julie will draft and try to have that ready
- Get it to other civic groups, spread responsibility—maybe a Chamber hosts the meeting

Commission long-term schedule:

Which Commission meetings should we plan to have?

Should we cancel April, May, and June? Group agreed probably, but hold on calendar for now.

November 18 meeting would be good opportunity to hold a closing event.

Comment form will be housed by RPC as a spreadsheet.

6. Update on CRHC related Legislation (SB-374 & SB-452) [10 min] – *Senator Watters*
***SB375 Hearing Feb 3, 9AM SH100 – Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee*
Gave short update.

7. Other Business [10 min] (as time allows)
No other business.

8. Public Comment
No public comment.

9. Adjourn
Adjourned at 11:35am

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