

STEERING COMMITTEE

COASTAL RISKS AND HAZARDS COMMISSION

Friday, March 6, 2015
10:00AM – 12:15AM

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

Attending: Senator Nancy Stiles, Senator David Watters, Representative Fred Rice, Jennifer Gilbert, Sherry Godlewski, Kirsten Howard, Julie LaBranche, Chris Muns, Ann Scholz, and Chairman Cliff Sinnott.

Commission Chair Cliff Sinnott began the meeting at 10 AM.

1. Welcome/Introductions

Chairman Sinnott welcomed everyone.

2. CRHC & Steering Committee Membership Update

Chairman Cliff Sinnott stated that Representative Renny Cushing, Rockingham District 21 is the new House speaker appointee. Cliff has informed Renny of the Commission's web site and other information.

3. Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2015 Meeting

A motion by Senator Stiles was made to accept the Committee's minutes of March 6, 2015. The motion was seconded by Representative Rice. All approved.

4. Consolidated Workgroup Recommendations – 2nd Pass

Julie gave a summary of Goal #3. Below is a summary of that discussion.

- Goals #3.2 – Decide on a specific date; within 3 years from the publication of the Commission's final report.
- Goal #3.3 – Ask State agencies – do you have the authority to do what you want to do? What are the gaps? Can add results to template. Need to figure out which agencies.
- Goal #3.3 – Senator Watters - Need to start asking now for legislative legal research as to what RSAs to look at.
- Goal #3.4 – Paul Kirshen developed a proposal and applied for a grant for a shoreline management plan.
- Goal #3.5 – Add an action to create models.

The remainder of Goal #3 is broken down into four parts: 3A – Infrastructure; 3B – Economic Assets; 3C – Recreational, Cultural, and Historic Resources; and 3B – Natural Resources.

Below is a summary of the discussion of Goal #3A.

- Senator Watters asked what the process is to abandon state infrastructure. Cliff stated that was included in the Georgetown application that the Commission submitted last year. Cliff will send it to Senator Watters.
- Add DOT abandonment process as an action.
- #3A1 – Julie stated adding a streamlining permit process.
- #3A2 (first bullet) – Chris suggested including an abandonment option.

The committee then discussed several options on how to present the recommendations to the full Commission. Some options discussed on how to organized the recommendations included based on time priority, audience specific, big picture items (action level – color code already occurring), and by sector (color code by state, municipality). Kirsten will develop a flowchart.

Suggestions from today will incorporated and then a revised copy will be sent out on March 18, 2015.

At the March Commission meeting, the discussion will include the recommendations, how Executive Order may affect agencies, and the Tides-to-Storms project.

5. Tides-to-Storms Vulnerability Assessment Update

Julie stated that the Tides-to-Storms project was just expanded to include inland and freshwater vulnerability assessments.

6. Continued discussion – next steps on Communication/Outreach

A 2-pager about the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel report will be drafted by the next Commission meeting on March 27, 2015.

The Committee will talk about the Commission’s Communication Plan in April.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Public Comment

No public comment.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned.

Meeting notes prepared by:
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