

**STEERING COMMITTEE  
COASTAL RISKS AND HAZARDS COMMISSION**

Friday, April 1st, 2016

**9:00AM – 11:00AM**

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

**Draft Notes**

**Attendance:** Steve Couture, Sherry Godlewski, Cory Riley, Representative Fred Rice  
Others attending: Kirsten Howard, Nathalie Morison

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1. Call to Order

- Call to order at 9:15am
- Cliff Sinnott noted that there a quorum was lacking, therefore the group would discuss items on the agenda but take not voting action.

2. Approval of Minutes from March 4th, 2016 Meeting (*Attached*)

- Minutes were not approved due to a lack of quorum.

3. Summary of comments received to date on the Draft Report

- Kirsten read some of the comments received on the draft report
- Cliff will check with Kevin Knuuti on a comment about the sea-level rise projections in the STAP report
- Sherry emphasized that it's incumbent upon us as professionals to communicate the best available science. That's part of our job. If we know of a risk, we need to share that.
- Fred noted that the Gulf of Maine tide gauge reads the same as it has for some time.
- Group suggested that one option could be to add a recognition of the property value risks associated with these hazards, point to the guidance about taking incremental steps and no regret action
- Cliff mentioned that a community that is preparing well for this is going to be least affected by things like property values and unwillingness to invest. One of the ways that you can minimize the negative impact on real estate is by demonstrating that you're doing what's necessary to prepare. Sometimes that means changing plans.

4. Request from Rep. Baber to present to House Science Technology and Energy Committee – April 12

- Request for presentation on April 12; want representatives to come to hearing 1:30pm. We would want to be very compressed. Format might be with Senator Watters or Stiles doing the introduction. Someone from the STAP could talk about the science. Support 374 and 452, long-term support upcoming bill as amended. Data collection every five

years needs to happen. Smaller Commission needs to monitor this long-term. The bills aren't going through the STEC Committee.

- Fred noted that it needs to be a Commission with a mission if we want the recommendations to be implemented.
- 15 minutes presentations; then discussion, maybe 2 speakers; changes it up a bit. Suggest Ann Scholz or Kevin Nyhan. Talk about report and recommendations first and emphasize that they're based on the science.
- Steve agreed; need to emphasize that we're using the best available science. Mentioned that he testified on Representative Borden's bill on ocean acidification. This would be more like a briefing.

#### 5. Communication protocol for public comments from CRHC and responding to recent media coverage –

- Publicity, be prepared to address those comments
- Sherry and Cliff put together comments as a response
- Is there a spokesperson for the Commission?
- A similar forum for a statement about the comments—do an op ed.

#### 6. Outreach/Communications

##### a. Legislative Briefing April 20<sup>th</sup> – agenda, speakers, logistics, notification

- Target audience is House members broadly
- Currently the plan is to have it in a Legislative Office Building room. Substantial cost to rent St. Paul's Church so decided to have in LOB room 210 and 211. 12-1pm.
- Heather Ebbs suggested 305 and 307; 271-3125
- Group agreed that lunch is necessary. Cliff will look into a grant from the Charitable Foundation.
- Some discussion about whether food is allowed. Nathalie and Cliff will finalize the details. Cory mentioned that you just need to write summary of event to Stewards. Any unused portion is returned to foundation. Hard to say how many people will attend. Estimated need \$500.
- Agenda is set up like the Brown's Lobster Pound event. Usually have an hour and 15 mins. At 12:50pm they start heading back. There could be Q&A. Panelists include:
  - Don Hawkins from Seabrook
  - Jonathan Kipp from PRIMEX
  - Kevin Nyhan from NHDOT
  - Steve Bird, Dover—need to confirm

##### b. Community/Regional meetings (May 26: Discovery Center & June 1: Seacoast Science Center): agenda, speakers, logistics, publicity

##### Process brainstorm:

- Comment card for each participant.
- Make it clear that if a participant comes to the microphone, they need to be clear if they have a question or a comment
- SC discussed whether these meetings should be more like the discussion groups. General sentiment was that they need to be more formal.

- Need to be clear about the objectives. Group agreed that the primary objective is to get responses.
- Chris Sununu did a good one on the 10 year plan. Fred and Cliff were there. A lot of back and forth.
- We could record the meeting.
- Presentation, Q&A panel for questions, then there are comments for the panel to respond to.
- Who will do what?
  - May 26 (Nathalie will coordinate commitments from speakers):
    - Moderate: Steve Miller
    - Intro: Cliff Sinnott or Nathalie/Kirsten
    - State agency rep: Cory Riley; back up Jennifer Gilbert
    - Community: Peter Kinner
    - Industry: Jonathan Kipp
  - June 1 (Nathalie will coordinate commitments from speakers):
    - Moderate: Sherry Godlewski
    - Intro: Cliff Sinnott
    - State agency rep: Gail Wolek
    - Community: Phil Winslow and Don Hawkins
    - Industry: Jonathan Kipp
  - Encourage Commission members to attend
  - Next Commission meeting is May 20, perhaps we should hold it to prepare people with the PPT slides.

#### c. Stakeholder group meetings

- These will be driven by individual members of the Commission to take it to their stakeholder groups.
- Nathalie is working on a PPT presentation template that Commission members can use in presentations. Will be ready for the next Steering Committee meeting.
- Will need to share it with Commission members and likely present the content so they have a sense of how it is intended to be used.

#### d. Commissioner Q&A and Standard Report Presentation

Nathalie is working on this. PPT should be done within a couple weeks.

#### e. Other

Nathalie, loop Steve Miller into communications committee

#### 7. Schedule/Timeline review & update

Did not get to this in much detail.

#### 8. Other Business

None.

#### 9. Adjourn

Adjourned at 11am.