

Steering Committee Notes (No quorum present)

Sept 2, 2016

Present: Nathalie, Cory, Roger, Cliff, Ann, Senator Watters, Sherry

Nathalie gave a high level overview of revisions and reminded Steering Committee to review documents by Sept 7.

Sen Watters noted some typos – check for these

Reorganizing ‘Where we go from here’ to end with next steps; noting what we have done. There may be more actions – these are in Cliff’s head. This may be a revised action. One example is action having states implement SB 452.

Senator Watters asked if Division of Historical Resources was referenced in SB 452. He may suggest that the NH Historical Preservation Alliance list Seacoast NH as one of those noted in the “7 to save”. They make those nominations in Sept.

Section 7 Also add in on #4 in ‘Where we go from here’ something on historical /archeological sites.

1. In: “As a first step towards implementation of the Commission’s recommendations, Senator David Watters (District 4) introduced two pieces of legislation in the fall of 2015 that have since both passed into law: Chaptered Law 121/SB 374 and Chaptered Law 195/SB 452.”

Add in all the co-sponsors – Renny Cushing, Fred Rice , Nancy Stiles, Dave Borden, Martha Fuller –Clark, David Watters (both 374 and 452). List in the order they are in the legislation (this is not the right order)

Regarding recommendation for the Resilience Coordinator’s position Amend: The Commission has begun exploring opportunities – “members have begun exploring opportunities to establish a... Correct grammar following this change

‘Where we go from here’ is the last section of the report – add in any last suggestions...! ALL

Cory will add a natural resource sentence to this section.

Maybe add in another sentence about comprehensive tidal shoreline management (Kirsten)

Amend this to say: (add commas) Finally, the New Hampshire Coastal Adaptation Workgroup (NHCAW), a collaborative partnership of 22 organizations, is working to assist communities in New Hampshire’s coastal watershed prepare.

Change this to just track current science. We must ~~all do our part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions~~ and to continue to track the evolving science regarding atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases and associated projected impacts.

Take out the word mitigation and just define it in each area where it is used,

In appendix H add in 20 for each year for clarification purposes (Kirsten)

This section is a little unusual in that we are talking about a study that is not published. Maybe we should generalize this more “Additionally, ongoing analysis of pavement profiles with changing groundwater levels conducted by the UNH Civil & Environmental Engineering Department demonstrates that the service life of pavement systems is reduced as groundwater rises with sea-level rise.]”

In Science 6.1 in the recommendations add: For groundwater impacts – we could say something like: with new information on ground water rise we need to think about how this will impact drinking water wells, septic systems, hazardous waste sites, and roads and other infrastructure.

Add in C-RiSe information. Drawing on the differences in impacts for great bay communities and coastal communities.

Response to public comments: These will be a supplement to the report, not an appendix. All read p. 2 Duncan Mellor’s comment. P.11 Wismuller’s comment. P. 6 Sanderson’s comment: Thank him for noting that OEP is the respected agency on this issue. We recognize there is a gap in available resources on this issue. Add in the response to him that there needs to be additional on-going technical assistance (and resources) to help municipalities understand and implement the NFIP; recommendation CC7 has some in there; Jen did recommend to add in a reference to the CRS in this section. Should the Commission approve the responses to the public comments? Vote on this in Oct so we can reference the public comment responses correctly. Don’t use the work “reject” regarding comments. Note that the CRHC stands by its process and conclusions in the report.

Need to be sure the report clearly states that technical assistance is going to be needed, especially for municipalities. Cory was going to look for this. May need to add more language to ensure that the acknowledgement for the need for technical assistance is very clear.

Shall we weave into the next steps the understanding that more technical assistance is needed for municipalities via CAW, RPCs and state agencies... And engage/consult the NH Municipal Association.

NOTE: In the Jan Feb issue of the Town and City Magazine we need a 500 – 1500 word essay about the CRHC report. Due Sept 13 Sherry and Nathalie to start and get a draft to Cliff.

Note that through our work we have realized that there is a need for continued/additional technical assistance from CAW, RPCs, state agencies ... for municipalities.

Discussion on printing – who prints DOT print shop or graphic services; color; bound. Get quotes and get back to senator Watters. Ask about turnaround time on document.

Release event – November? Need to have printed copies done. Tricia will get report back early Nov. Set date at October meeting. At Oct meeting have a plan for the roll out. Need to know who is going to do what. Need to have a date for the event at the Sept meeting. Could have roll out on Sunset date Thursday, Dec 1?

Website – what do we want? A place to archive all our meeting minutes, the draft report and the final report. Do we want to have an implementation page that tracks the implementation efforts. Great to have a place to track implementation efforts – need to have a coordinator. We definitely want to archive all of our work; how to connect to implementation efforts is something to be discussed. Do we have a way to track this work... state agency work, municipal efforts. How to track.? Who is this for – the public? Other agencies? Contact person? Need to determine what the domain name is going to be. Just use the website as an archive and call it NH Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission.

Possible dates for roll out:

Nov 29 and 30 is orientation for new legislators. Swearing in is Dec 7 at 10 AM. Press is there anyway...

Have report

Have press conference

Shoot for Release event Nov 30 in Concord. 11 am or 1pm in lobby at LOB WMUR & NH 1 may be there.

Separate event for CRHC in seacoast/GBNERR. Or at Newicks? Need to plan the seacoast event. Public too or just CRHC members?

Request a meeting with the Governor elect on Nov 30 to share the final report.(depending on who gets elected)

Exchange appearance – shall we try to do it on Nov 30 at 9:00 Press conference **Senator Watters** to arrange the Nov 30 11:00; **Cliff** to contact NHPR – Senator Watters, Tom Burack/Sherry, Cliff; Cameron to call in and provide scientific support. Community member to call in Steve Bird? Other?