## STEERING COMMITTEE COASTAL RISKS AND HAZARDS COMMISSION

Friday, October 7, 2016 9:00AM – 11:00AM

## NHDES Portsmouth Regional Office - Room D

Pease International Tradeport
222 International Drive, Suite 175
Portsmouth, NH

## **Draft Minutes**

Present: Rep. Fred Rice, Sherry Godlewski, Jennifer Gilbert, Rep. Renny Cushing, Cliff Sinnott, Sen. Nancy Stiles, Roger Stephenson, Sen. David Watters

Others: Nathalie Morison, Kirsten Howard

1. Call to Order

Quorum present at 9:05am. Cliff Sinnott called meeting to order.

- 2. Meeting Notes for September 3rd, 2016 Meeting (no quorum present) (*Attached*) Cliff asked members to look at notes. No quorum was present in September, no votes were taken and no minute approval is necessary.
  - 3. Review final revisions to Draft Report; Additional changes since the commission meeting (Section 4.2.2 Private Property; C-RiSe additions; and re-org of 'Our Heritage based on comments received from Mary Kate)
  - Nathalie summarized the changes made.
    - o Committee agreed to change the House and Senate affiliations; use legislation as guide
    - o Committee agreed to represent the affiliation of Thomas Wysmuller as Colderside.com
    - Added a List of tables and figures in the Table of Contents
    - o Made a social vulnerability revision; general agreement good addition
    - Added attribution to NH GRANIT for Tides to Storms
    - C-RiSe additions were added (preliminary results) to reflect the same results for Tides to Storms; Data is interesting—fewer impacts than Atlantic Coast communities from sealevel rise, as expected

## Revisions: Page 4, 4.2.2

- Sen. Watters stated that he thinks the revision appropriately identifies why you can't be specific in first couple paragraphs. It's an important alert to communities to say, what are you going to do about your tax base? Here is an economic vulnerability.
- Sen. Stiles agreed that the revisions were good work.
- Sen. Watters commented that he likes the way the questions are laid out.
- Rep. Rice agreed that this is an excellent way to put it. Forces people to evaluate for their own situation.

- Nathalie mentioned that she sent the revisions to Cory Riley, Cameron Wake, and Steve Couture—they liked it. Cameron added a second bullet.
- Jennifer noted a few placed where we need to make acronyms consistent. Page 3 first bullet: \$659 million (delete dollar).
- Rep. Rice commented that it's good to state the real estate is valuable and in high demand at the moment.
- Committee agreed that it is comfortable with grouping the assessed property value impacts.
- Rep. Rice pointed to one convoluted sentence. Add "additional" 32 percent increase. Footnote for source.
- Sherry Godlewski thought we should try to add Portsmouth assessed values, get number from Rob Pruyne.
- Nathalie mentioned that the road impacts table was added from C-RiSe data.
- Rep. Rice asked under the SLR 1.7 feet, where are the Stratham impacts?
  - Group discussed topographical intricacies of roads in Great Bay towns. Agreed with results.
- Nathalie mentioned that Historical resources section was adjusted slightly.
- Sen. Watters stated that one primary purpose of including this section and creating the Commission in the first place, was to make sure historical resources are represented here. Would like to see more detail in this section.
  - o Cliff volunteered to put together a list of top ten properties and run it by Edna Feighner
  - Sen. Watters felt strongly that table should be added
  - Discussion continued about how to make Historical Resources section fit more with the rest of the report. Cliff and Nathalie committed to work on it together.
- Sen. Watters mentioned that he nominated Historical Coastal NH as one of the 7 to Save. Would need someone to attend the ceremony. Will send Roger Stephenson a copy of nomination.
- Nathalie will highlight the significant changes to the report in the version she sends to the full Commission.
- 4. Commission meeting agenda for October 21st (final meeting 11AM-1:00PM)
- Group discussed lunch options and some members agreed to chip in for the lunch cost. Group agreed on general agenda outline.
- Sen. Watters suggested that the meeting begin with explanation that we carefully considered all changes suggested at last meeting. Then state that we are looking for a vote. Nathalie explains the edits for 3-4 minutes.
- Group agreed that the language of the motion should be to "adopt" the report
- 5. Preparing for Report release press conference: November 30, 11:00AM, LOB Lobby and Outreach/Communications Update
  - Website archive; Nathalie will work on it
  - Nathalie will get a printing cost estimate and Roger will investigate possible sources of funds (Charitable Foundation and OEP); Sen. Watters will ask at HSEM; Rep. Cushing suggested Park St. Foundation; looking for 300 color copies, coil bound (Rep. Rice suggested we could try to cut it down to 200 copies)
  - Factsheets; Sherry will work on talking points and PPT slides. Need a fact sheet as well.
  - Dissemination: Sen. Watters suggested we should get the report to Town Board of Selectman and Planning Boards and Regional Commissions; Roger suggested a dissemination packet for each Commission member with talking points; Sen. Watters suggested radio interviews

- Sherry will look into Commissioners meeting and Public Information Officers meeting and add it to the State Agency Climate Change Workgroup agenda
- Cliff volunteered to put together a list of suggested next steps for Commission members
- Cliff added that we should talk about the Setting SAIL project and take a group photo
- Sherry agreed to organize lunch for the Commission meeting
- Sherry agreed to get the report in the DES E-Newsletter
- Group agreed to hold another SC meeting in November.
- Roger will write a generic press release for the press conference.
- Radio: Roger suggested it would be fun to get on Sam Evans-Brown Outside In and Cliff is arranging details to be on the Exchange; Sen. Watters is available November 30 for public radio. Monday 12/5 or 12/7.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:16am.