

NEW HAMPSHIRE COASTAL RISK AND HAZARDS COMMISSION
(RSA 483-E)
COMMISSION MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES

Friday October 21, 2016

11:00AM – 1:00PM

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

ATTENDANCE

Please Initial	Name	Representation
	Arcieri, William	Town of Newmarket
Yes	Bachand, Jason	Town of Hampton
Yes	Bird, Steve	City of Dover
	Borden, Rep.	Town of New Castle
	Bowman, Peter	NH DRED -Division of Forests and Lands - Alternate
	Caron, David	NH Municipal Association
	Carroll, Patrick	Town of Rollinsford
	Chapman, Erik	NH Sea Grant
Yes	Couture, Steve	NH Department of Environmental Services - Alternate
Yes	Cushing, Rep.	Representative – District 21
Yes	Feighner, Edna	NH Division of Historical Resources
Yes	Fitzgerald, Brian	Town of Rye - Alternate
Yes	Gilbert, Jennifer	NH Office of Energy and Planning
Yes	Godlewski, Sherry	NH Department of Environmental Services
	Hawkins, Donald	Town of Seabrook
	Herbert, Denis	Town of Newington
	Houle, James	Town of Durham
Yes	Huber, Dick	Town of Exeter
	Kasnet, Peter	New Hampshire Home Builders Association
Yes	Kinner, Peter	Town of Greenland
Yes	Kipp, Jonathan	PRIMEX
	Kroner, Shep	Town of North Hampton
	Kupper, Theodore	NH Department of Admin Services - Bureau of Pub
Yes	Melanson, Paul	Town of Hampton Falls
Yes	Miller, Steven	City of Portsmouth
	Nyhan, Kevin	NH DOT Bureau of Environment
	O'Sullivan,	Town of Madbury

Please Initial	Name	Representation
Yes	Pimental, Kyle	Strafford Regional Planning Commission
Yes	Rice, Rep.	Representative – District 21
Yes	Rice, John	Seacoast Board of Realtors
Yes	Riley, Cory	NH Fish & Game, Great Bay NERR
Yes	Scholz, Ann	NH DOT Bureau of Environment - Alternate
Yes	Sinnott, Cliff	Rockingham Planning Commission (Commission
Yes	Stanwood, Sabrina	NH DRED -Division of Forests and Lands
Yes	Stephenson, Roger	Town of Stratham
Yes	Stiles, Sen. Nancy	Senator, District 24
Yes	Wake, Cameron	University of NH
Yes	Watters, Sen.	Senator, District 4
Yes	Winslow, Phil	Town of Rye
	Wolek, Gail	NH DRED – Division of Parks and Recreation

Others: Julie LaBranche, Kirsten Howard, Nathalie Morison, Becca Newhall, ??

1. Call to Order & Welcome [5 min] – *Cliff Sinnott, CRHC Chair*
 - The meeting was called to order at 11:06am.

2. Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2016 Meeting [5 min] **MOTION TO APPROVE** (*Attachment*)
 - Cliff asked if anyone has changes to the minutes.
 - Phil Winslow noted one change, page 3, Figure 7 c. (change wee to we); made motion to accept minutes as amended.
 - Rep. Fred Rice seconded the motion.
 - All approved.

3. Review and Discussion of Final Revisions to Commission Report from Steering Committee [30 min]

Nathalie Morison, NHDES NH Coastal Program – [see Summary of Revisions and Final Report & Recommendations, distributed separately]

 - Cliff reviewed the agenda.
 - Nathalie reviewed changes made to the report. Report copy sent to Commission had changes highlighted in yellow. Listed the items that were reviewed.
 - Updated membership list
 - Updated appendix B
 - Added a paragraph in acknowledgements section
 - Updated Executive Summary
 - Added figure and tables TOC
 - Summarized the public meetings

- Section 3: added acknowledgement that mitigation reduces magnitude of climate change and reduces amount of adaptation that will likely be necessary in future
- Section 3.2: STAP report preface was expanded
- Section 4: recognized importance of social vulnerability analyses
- Updated population estimates OEP; Nathalie noted she will fix the color issues with the figure
- Added C-RiSe information
- Cliff noted that the parcel information will change, but that conclusions are essentially the same. For example, in the Tides to Storms assessment, parcel numbers will change from 7200 to 7000 but value went up to \$4.2 billion because Portsmouth is now included
- Nathalie noted that conclusions are generally that Atlantic Coast municipalities are more susceptible to sea-level rise
- Added vulnerability assessment information to cultural heritage section
 - Cliff noted that we need to add Little Boar's Head Village District and will send the table to Nathalie
- Added 1 subaction to recommendations S2
- Added a little text to action E under S4
- New action F under CC5
- Added NFIP reference to CRS
- Added subaction under BL2
- Added action under BL6 to clarify the process for TSMP

Discussion

- Cory Riley asked a question about the report. We don't deal with precipitation changes in C-RiSe right? (Answer: correct). Just wanted to clarify for myself that that's the piece that's most difficult to capture and we still need to work on it to better reflect impacts to those communities.
- Dick Huber followed up with a question about velocity of water from storm surge/sea-level rise.
- Cliff asked if we're clear enough that we don't fully understand the full impacts in the report?
- Dick responded that this would be part of the review of the science regularly.
- Kyle Pimental mentioned that there is a lot of GIS data from the FEMA mapping project for Strafford County. Kyle hasn't used the data yet, but it is being presented to communities.
- Jennifer Gilbert followed up that the depth maps will be available for Rockingham communities
- General consensus that we shouldn't change the report or add a statement. It's captured already in the recommendations.
- Julie LaBranche suggested adding a statement under the Lamprey River Watershed Study table.

- Cory responded that it's already in the recommendations. Suggested a possible addition to clarify lack of precipitation vulnerability data, but then decided report is fine as is.
 - Kirsten suggested that when we create the two-pager/fact sheet for Great Bay communities, we clarify the lack of precipitation vulnerability information there.
- Sen. Watters asked if we need a legislative mandate to create a Tidal Shoreline Management Plan in BL6.
 - Steve Couture responded that it's a little early to tell. We can follow up in a year and see. Steve Miller and Cory Riley generally agreed.
 - Rep. Cushing asked if more resources are needed in the budget?
 - Kirsten responded that we're trying to pull together resources now. Really more focused on BL5 at the moment. Steve Couture added that we will likely know more in a year or so.

Senator Watters made a motion to enable discussion. "I move that we adopt the Coastal Risk and Hazards Commission Final Report and Recommendations: Preparing New Hampshire for Projected Storm Surge, Sea-Level Rise, and Extreme Precipitation."

Senator Stiles seconded the proposal.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Nathalie asked for typographical edits by Wednesday, October 26. An embargoed copy will be available for press in mid-November. The final report will be printed for the November 30 event. An electronic version will be posted to the new website.

Public comment document will be included as a supplement online.

Cliff asked for motion to approve the responses to public comments

Representative Fred Rice moved.

Senator Stiles seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved.

Cliff expressed some heartfelt thank yous to the group. Legislators (Watters, Stiles, Rice, Cushing), state agencies (including UNH), and especially the Coastal Program which provided staff.

Brian Fitzgerald made a motion that the Commission publicly recognize the staff that composed, compiled and made the report happen.

Motion unanimously approved.

Phil Winslow thanked Cliff. Rep. Rice made some remarks thanking Cliff as well.

Cliff thanked his RPC Board for allowing him to spend his time on the effort.

4. Action to Adopt Coastal Risk and Hazards Commission Report: *Preparing New Hampshire for Projected Storm Surge, Sea Level Rise and Extreme Precipitation* **MOTION TO ADOPT**

[BREAK FOR COMMISSION PHOTO & LUNCH]

5. Report Rollout [10 min]

A. Press Conference – all Commission Members requested to Attend – Nov 30, 11 AM
LOB Lobby

– Sen. David Watters

- Sen. Watters asked folks to come a few minutes before 11am. There will be a brief speaking program and questions from the press.
- Dick Huber asked for advice about parking. Public parking lot was mentioned.

B. Report Distribution, Press Releases, Op-Eds, other media

- Roger is working with the NH Charitable Foundation to find funding for printing. Goal is to print 250 copies.
- Talked about a media release and a media kit
 - Roger Stephenson suggested a Q&A, press release with quotes from the state legislators and Cliff, and embargoed report copy
 - Rep. Rice agreed that we need a media kit so we can guide the media talking points
 - Roger recommended that municipal representatives on the Commission be ready to talk about their role and importance of report. Get the kit to select boards too.
 - Cam Wake emphasized importance that a set of key messages come out of this.
 - Cliff mentioned there will be another Steering Committee meeting (November 4)
 - Rep. Rice mentioned that we should emphasize that this report is guidance.
 - Cory wants to make a motion to empower the Steering Committee; general agreement, determined no motion was needed.
 - Phil Winslow mentioned that we should emphasize what's already being done in the press conference and talking points.
 - Rep. Cushing mentioned that high school newspapers could report on it. Solicit them and invite them to report on it.
 - Sen. Watters asked who will be the contact on the press release?
Suggested adding a list of 3-4 people who are specialized based on roles.

6. Follow-on Actions [20 min]

A. Commission member outreach to constituents – *Cliff Sinnott*

- Cliff pointed to the follow up action document. Cliff suggested adding some school outreach.
- Sherry has been tweaking the presentation and two-page document of talking points.
- Cliff said he'll make one more version of the document.
- Steve Miller asked if there should be a letter.
- Rep. Rice suggested that he can bring these things together, bring the boards together and host a public hearing and give a big presentation; committed to doing that
- Nathalie suggested to add an action item to stay apprised of the Setting SAIL project of special merit to keep engaged with their outreach efforts and ensure coordination can happen
- Cory asked if she can start publicizing or talking about it now? Sen. Watters said that since we've taken a public action, anyone can talk about it now, but the final report is embargoed until the press event.
- Sabrina asked if the two-pager is the STAP report? Cliff answer no, there will be a new two-page fact sheet that covers the whole report.

B. NH Preservation Alliance "Seven to Save" nomination – *Sen. Watters*

Senator Watters announced that the nomination was submitted for historic coastal NH to be listed as one of "seven to save." The event is on Tuesday, October 25 in Manchester. 5:15pm. They will announce which nominations will be accepted.

C. 'Setting Sail' Implementation Project (NOAA PSM) – *N. Morison, Kirsten Howard, NHDES Coastal Program*

Nathalie shared a summary of the Setting SAIL project with the Commission.

1. Outreach
2. Technical assistance to Great Bay municipalities
3. Continue enhancing state coordination, assessment, and implementation; audit for NHDES and NHFG; fund a site specific vulnerability assessment for a state asset

D. Website Archive – *NHCRHC.ORG- Nathalie Morison*

Nathalie shared that the new website will be ready by November 30.

7. Member updates; Other Business; and Public Comment [10 min]

No member updates.

Cliff mentioned that Senator Stiles is not seeking reelection and wanted to recognize her service to the state and this Commission.

8. Adjourn [before 1:00]

Cliff made a motion to adjourn the CRHC.

1:08PM adjourned.