

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, November 4th, 2016

9:00AM – 11:15AM

NHDES Portsmouth Regional Office – Room D

Pease International Tradeport

222 International Drive, Suite 175

Portsmouth, NH

Attendance: Cam Wake, Roger Stephenson, Sherry Godlewski, Rep. Renny Cushing, Cliff Sinnott, Sen. Nancy Stiles, Rep. Fred Rice

Others: Kirsten Howard, Nathalie Morison, Julie LaBranche

1. Call to Order

Call to order at 9:10am. Quorum present.

2. Meeting Notes for October 7th, 2016 Meeting *(to be distributed)*

Motion to approve minutes made by Rep. Fred Rice. Seconded by Sherry Godlewski. October minutes approved unanimously.

3. Update on Final Report

Nathalie gave a short update on the final report status and changes. Small changes were made to:

Population changes (found better source)

In section 4, Julie suggested to change term “redevelopment” to “reconstruction”

Cliff asked about including population change in the county. Group decided not to since the report focuses on 17 municipalities.

Port statistics (found better source)

Cliff likes the change to the port information. General agreement.

Julie asked if the term Port Authority terminal operators included private companies.

Renny explained that it does.

Agreement to keep proposed changes.

Floodplain table changes.

Fixed erroneous interpretation of the data.

General agreement to keep changes.

Cliff proposed that we should list the Newington representative as “vacant.”
General agreement.

Nathalie said this is the last day to make any changes.

Nathalie will send version Tricia edits to Roger for reporters in a week or so.

Cliff suggested an edit to Our Economy. Change term 6.3 feet sea-level rise plus storm surge scenario; remove “daily tidal flooding.” Cliff, Nathalie, and Kirsten will talk about it.

Nathalie noted that values have changed; Tides to Storms 7,000 parcels \$4.4 billion, includes Portsmouth now. C-RiSe 1600 parcels ~\$800,000.

4. Printing cost estimate(s) and status of funding
NHCP will print 250 copies. Cost is a little over \$5,000.

Cam suggested, should we include a statement of how to reference the report. Add after acknowledgements piece or on inside cover. General agreement.

Something like: New Hampshire Coastal Risk and Hazards Commission. (2016). Title. URL.

Rep. Cushing suggested it should go on the general court website. Senator Watters will take care of that.

5. Preparing for Report release press conference: November 30, 11:00AM, LOB Lobby

- Press Release and embargoed report distribution

Roger suggested having a press conference format similar to March 2016. Sen. Watters and Rep. Rice will come up with key talking points. Rep. Rice and Sen. Watters will get back to Sen. Watters. Cliff will talk about the key points.

Roger will get together with Cliff, Sen. Watters, Rep. Rice, and Sherry on a conference call. Committee decided to talk about the key messages now.

- Handout materials

Group suggested creating a two pager summarizing the report, including the STAP information.

Cam suggested lead with punch and not with the justification.

Kirsten and Nathalie will make the two pager.

Consider bringing the King Tide photos printed on foam board.

New legislator orientation takes place November 30.

Rep. Cushing suggested getting the press conference on the orientation agenda.

RPC will make the poster and take care of easel.

6. Outreach/Communications Update

- Website archive (Nathalie)

- Factsheets (Kirsten and Nathalie)—include link to website.
- Messaging: Cam and Roger handed out triangle framework.
 - Roger led group through the framework. Proposed an exercise to develop core messages and supporting messages.
 - Core message: The report provides essential, common sense, science-based guidance to prepare for coastal flood risk for New Hampshire.
 - By New Hampshire for New Hampshire. Where did it come from and why is it essential: Initiated on a bipartisan basis by the Legislature, developed by a 37 member Commission of ... that studied risks and hazards over a 3-year period.
 - Protect state and local assets from increased flooding to ensure vibrant coastal New Hampshire.
 - By starting now and taking incremental steps we can make our coastal communities more resilient to flooding.
 - Roger will clean up the final messaging and share with group.
 - Rap song; Nathalie is volunteering.
- Requested follow-on tasks
 - The package given to Commission members
 - Continue to allow Commission members to engage, include them in the Setting SAIL planning efforts
 - Include Commission members in CAW meeting announcements/members list/newsletter list, maybe include regular item on agenda
- Other outreach

7. Other business

- Seven to Save designation; happened! Cliff will send original to Senator Watters. Coastal NH cultural resources are a Seven to Save.

- Final report to legislature

Is the Final Report the final report? Yes. Needs a transmittal letter. Can come from Senator Watters or Cliff.

Send box of materials for State Archives. Cliff will take this on. Kirsten will hand over the folder to Cliff. Nathalie and Julie will respond to the comments on email.

- Disposition of Commission documents & records

Sherry presented to DOT Commissioner and staff last week.

8. Public Comment

9. Adjourn

Adjourned at 11:17am.