

**Minutes – Town of South Bethany Joint Committee Meeting  
Sea Level Rise (SLR) & Storm Surge (SS) Committee  
And Charter & Code Committee  
Thursday, November 13, 2014 1:00 p.m.  
Location: South Bethany Town Hall**

George Junkin called the meeting to order at 1:00

Present at the Town Hall were;

- From the SLR & SS Committee – George Junkin, Dick Oliver, Dave Wilson, Jim Gross and Jay Headman
- From C & C Committee - John Fields, Bob Cestone, Joe Hinks and Jim Gross
- From the Public – Council members Al Rae, Toney Caputo and Sue Callaway
- From DNREC – Greg Williams
- From the Coastal Point – Laura Wiker

Present by means of teleconference were;

- From the SLR & SS Committee – Frank McNeice and Bob Buhner
- From DNREC – Consultant Rebecca Quinn

The only item on the agenda was “Review and mark up all sections of the South Bethany Code that are affected by FEMA's request that the Floodplain Regulations be updated and to address Council's request that steps be allowed in the setback to accommodate 2 feet of mandatory freeboard.”

Items not on the agenda that fell under the purview of the Town Council, specifically mandatory versus voluntary freeboard, were not discussed.

Discussion occurred on the following sections of the code;

- Chapter 145 (Zoning) Article III (Definitions),
- Article XI (Setback Requirements),
- Article XIV (Coastal Floodplain Regulations),
- Article XV (Board of Adjustment)
- Article XVII (Administration, Enforcement and Penalties.)
- Chapter 42 (Building Construction)

Most comments from Rebecca Quinn, Greg Williams, Council inputs from the 10/20/14 Workshop Meeting and members of the two committees were resolved.

There was lots of discussion on “licensed” vs “registered” professional engineers, surveyors and architects. The consensus was that “registered” was the correct word to use.

There was consensus that current code chapter 154-50 B (6) should be kept in the updated code.

There was consensus that Definitions should all remain in Article III.

There was consensus that we would only require one elevation certificate instead of three.

There was consensus that current code chapter 154-51 should be kept in the updated code.

There was discussion on the current chapter 154-54 B that required electrical distribution panels to be at or above BFE plus 3 feet. The consensus was that in the current draft ordinance they would be at BFE plus 2 feet which was considered adequate.

There was discussion relative to LiMWA. LiMWA is shown on the SB draft FIRM, but there is no area between the LiMWA line and the line that separates the VE zone from the AO zone.

There was consensus that the variance section of Article XIV (Floodplain Regulations) could be moved to Article XV (BOA).

There was lots of discussion relative to fill. They were not resolved.

All resolved issues will need to be confirmed by Council along with a few that will need to be resolved by Council at the 11/20/14 Workshop Meeting.

No changes were recommended to Article XIV (Coastal Floodplain Regulations),

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.