

# TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY

## Minutes – SLR & SS Committee Meeting December 18, 2014 at the South Bethany Town Hall

### Agenda

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| 1. Call meeting to order<br><br>Participating by remote access – Frank McNeice                          | George Junkin |
| 2. Develop a list of budget items to be submitted to Town Council for inclusion into the FY 2016 Budget | All           |
| 3. Adjournment  |               |

- Meeting Called to Order at 1:40 PM – Members present were George Junkin, Jim Gross, Jay Headman, Dick Oliver and Dave Wilson. Member present by telephone was Frank McNeice.
- The only agenda item for this meeting was “Develop a list of budget items to be submitted to Town Council for inclusion into the FY 2016 Budget.”
- There was lots of discussion on previous grant activity.
  - The grant for URS to perform the elevation survey was very successful.
  - A grant that was submitted this year for Coastal Resilience/Risk Analysis was rejected due to an issue concerning matching in kind service.
  - It was decided that we should continue to seek grants relative to SLR & SS issues.
- George and Dick reported on a very productive conference call they and Jack Whitney had with Dr. Ram Mohan of Anchor QEA, LLC.
  - The discussion focused on how Ram could help us with a proposal for the current bid cycle that would emphasize;
    - We are building on the elevation survey conducted by URS under a previous grant.
    - We want to eventually create a comprehensive plan specific for South Bethany to mitigate flooding for the next 50 to 100 years
    - Flooding comes in two parts. Storm surge that is around Base Flood Elevation and nuisance flooding which floods streets and land but not houses.
    - Vulnerability Assessment
    - Metrics/triggers for action
    - Develop next steps to be addressed for future studies.

- Ram agreed to have a draft for a proposal by December 22 so that it could be submitted as a pre-proposal to Susan Love from DNREC in preparation for a pre-proposal discussion with Susan in early January.
- The committee agreed that we could use current underspent FY 2015 funds to support match on the order of \$3,000 to \$4,000 for a grant to be submitted in February.
- Jay Headman reported on CRS meetings that he has been attending. He reported that there will be an increased verification process in order to obtain credit points for any education outreach program. To stay with the same CRS Rating that we currently have, more community education is required.
- The SLR & SS Committee felt that a significant document should be developed to address the community education issue.
  - The document would outline the potential impact of SLR and storm surges. This document would be given by the Code Enforcer to any future property owners who are requesting a permit for new construction or substantial improvements.
  - Once the document was approved by the SLR Committee, it would be given to the Council for their approval.
  - Jay will contact Susan Love and Wendy Carey to see if grant funds would be available that we could apply for.
- The committee agreed that we should continue to fund travel expenses and check valve installations.
- Budget recommendations agreed to follow in the table below.
- It was also suggested that the Town should consider creating a reserve that could be used for beach replenishment in the future, in case Federal and/or state funds were not available. There was some discussion of the pros and cons and it was decided to address this issue at a future meeting.
- Meeting was adjourned at 2:50.

| Account Description                     | FY 2014<br>Budgeted | FY 2014<br>Actual | FY 2015<br>Budgeted | FY 2015<br>Expended<br>YTD | FY 2015<br>Balance | FY 2015<br>%<br>Used | FY 2016<br>Proposed | Difference<br>Current<br>vs<br>Proposed | %<br>INC/DEL (-)<br>Over<br>Current | FY 2017<br>Proposed | FY 2018<br>Proposed | FY 2019<br>Proposed |
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| <b>Sea Level Rise (SLR)</b>             |                     |                   |                     |                            |                    |                      |                     |   |                                     |                     |                     |                     |
| SLR - Coastal Resilience/Risk Analysis  |                     | 0                 | 2,000               | 0                          | 2,000              | 0%                   |                     |   |                                     |                     |                     |                     |
| SLR - Elevation Data Collection         |                     | 0                 | 2,500               | 1,228                      | 1,272              | 49%                  |                     |   |                                     |                     |                     |                     |
| SLR - Travel Exp/SLR Collaboration      |                     | 0                 | 300                 | 183                        | 117                | 61%                  | 500                 |   |                                     | 500                 | 500                 | 500                 |
| SLR - Check Valve                       |                     | 0                 | 1,500               | 658                        | 842                | 44%                  | 1,500               |   |                                     | 1,500               | 1,500               | 1,500               |
| SLR - Coastal Man Grant - VAAP          | 5,000               | 0                 |                     |                            |                    |                      |                     |   |                                     |                     |                     |                     |
| SLR - Education Document                |                     |                   |                     |                            |                    |                      | 2,500               |   |                                     |                     |                     |                     |
| SLR - Education required by CRS         |                     |                   |                     |                            |                    |                      | 2,000               |   |                                     | 2,000               | 2,000               | 2,000               |
| SLR - Grant Match                       |                     |                   |                     |                            |                    |                      | 5,000               |   |                                     | 5,000               | 5,000               | 5,000               |
| <b>Control Total</b>                    | 5,000               | 0                 | 6,300               | 2,068                      | 4,232              | 33%                  | 11,500              | 0                                       |                                     | 9,000               | 9,000               | 9,000               |
| Capital Expenditure Budget - List Items |                     |                   |                     |                            |                    |                      |                     |   |                                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Capital Total                           | 0                   | 0                 | 0                   | 0                          | 0                  |                      | 0                   | 0                                       |                                     | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                      | 5,000               | 0                 | 6,300               | 2,068                      | 4,232              | 33%                  | 11,500              | 0                                       |                                     | 9,000               | 9,000               | 9,000               |