

**TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY
SLR & SS Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 3, 2015, at 10:00 AM
Location: South Bethany Town Hall**

1. Call meeting to order	George Junkin
2. Status Report and discussion relative to SLR Grant with ANCHOR	George Junkin
3. Finalize Public Outreach Meeting Presentation	All
4. Establish Dates for Public Meetings	All
5. What else should we be doing?	All
6. Adjournment	

Agenda Item 1. – George called the meeting to order at 10:00. Committee members present were, George Junkin, Jim Gross, Frank McNeice, Dick Oliver, and Dave Wilson. Also present was Danielle Swallow, DNREC’s administrator for our SLR Adaptation Grant

Agenda Item 2. – Grant Status Report

- There was a lot of discussion relative to Anchor’s response to the questions asked at the last meeting relative to how the SLR Scenarios were developed.
- After the discussion there was understanding on how they were developed.

Agenda Item 3. – Finalize Public Outreach Meeting Presentation

- Over two hours were spent finalizing the presentation.
- It was agreed that all “bullet” slides would have animation to have each bullet appear.
- It was agreed to make the figure showing savings by having freeboard larger so that it would be easier to read.
- A slide was added to define resiliency.
- The slide that referenced sources for the development of the scenarios was “hidden” because it had too many words on it and would bore the audience.
- A slide was added that shows SLR trends during the last 14 years are higher than trends over the last 100 years.
- Some slides were reordered so that the presentation would be smoother.

Agenda Item 4. Establish Dates for Public Meetings

- The committee selected Friday, September 25, at 7:00 PM and Saturday, September 26, at 10:00 AM for the public meetings.
- The presentation at each meeting will be the same.
- The purpose for two meetings is to allow more homeowners the opportunity to attend.

Agenda Item 5. What Else Should We Be Doing

- Jim showed the committee what he had compiled that could be handed out by Joe Hinks to homeowners, builders, architects and others to encourage them to build higher.
- Below is a draft cover sheet for Jim's proposed page.

Flood Damage Mitigation and Flood Insurance Costs

The Town of South Bethany is subject to major damaging but infrequent floods. FEMA has proposed that in 2016 all of the Town will be in flood zones. This package is intended to provide information that may be helpful to those concerned with new house construction, remodeling and substantial improvement of existing homes. The purpose of the information is to help owners, designers and builders mitigate future flood damage and reduce flood insurance costs.

(1) **Preparing for Tomorrow's High Tide, Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment for the State of Delaware (2012) - Introduction, Rates and Causes of Sea Level Rise and Future Rates of Sea Level Rise**

(2) **NOAA Technical Report OAR CPO-1, Global Sea Level Rise Scenarios for the United States National Climate Assessment - Executive Summary**

(3) Current (2015) and Proposed (2016) **Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs)**

(4) **FEMA Fact Sheet, Building Higher in Flood Zones: Reduce Your Risk, Reduce Your Premium**

(5) **FEMA Fact Sheet No. 1.4 Lowest Floor Elevation**

(6) **FEMA Fact Sheet No. 1.6 Designing for Flood Levels above the BFE**

(7) **FEMA Fact Sheet No. 1.7 Coastal Building Materials**

All of the above references can be found on the web, (1) and (2) in unabridged form. Also, the **Home Builder's Guide to Coastal Construction, FEMA P-499**, including 36 technical fact sheets are on the web.

Agenda Item 6. Adjournment

- At 12:45 Frank moved to Adjourn. Dave seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.