

Branford Coastal Vulnerability ad hoc Working Group

Town of Branford, Connecticut

Paul Muniz, Tracy Everson, Jonathan Waters, Peter Hentschel (chairperson)
invited: Curt Johnson, Sharon Huttner



Zoom Meeting Agenda: Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 5:00 PM

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- Call to Order and Roll Call
- Approval of Meeting Notes for 4/23/24
- Discuss status and next steps on the following initiatives:
 - a. CIRCA sea level monitoring and emergency notification system trials – Branford participation
 - Goal 1: to acquire new data on tidal sea level cycles and resulting road flooding.
 - Goal 2: to allow Branford to use their alert system to put out “micro-alerts” to neighborhoods.
 - Update on calls with CIRCA and installation preparations.
 - b. Community Reporting Network re Roadway Flooding – “MyCoast” Application
 - Goal 1: to engage the community in the photographic collection of roadway flooding data
 - Goal 2: to work with the MyCoast application software group in CA to facilitate uploading data
 - Update regarding payment for the system and current status
 - c. Roadway Flooding – finding solutions for the community.
 - Goal: to investigate possible resilience actions, consult with key regulatory authorities including DEEP, and determine DEEP’s response to - protecting low roadways, nuisance flooding retention walls, etc.
 - Update on recent discussion with John Lust regarding approach to DEEP.
 - Update on scheduled meeting with John Lust to discuss next steps.
 - d. WWTP vulnerability study – status of Phase 2, preliminary design of conceptual solutions
 - Goal: to promote the “hardening” of the town’s sanitary system and treatment plan.
 - Update from Paul on the Phase II working group WPCA/CVWG meeting.
 - e. Cattle Crossing flood gate study – status report
 - Goal: to track this project and to determine how AMTRAK has responded to issues regarding flooding against their elevated track beds
 - Update from Tracy
 - f. Emergency Management Services Resiliency – work with Chief Mahoney regarding key locations of road flooding which impact delivery of emergency services
 - Goal: to identify critical locations and research resiliency solutions to each
 - Discuss ways to support Chief Mahoney’s GIS initiative.

- g. Zoning Regulation and Town Ordinance tools - PZC / CVWG joint working group - status
Goal: to determine actions to build resilience through ordinances and/or zoning regulations.
 - Discuss next steps to build community agreement regarding the goals of increasing regulation of coastline development.
- h. Community Presentations – Branford River Neighborhoods presentation status report and possible recording of Sara Crosby’s current marshland studies in Branford
Goal to build public awareness, feedback, and public involvement.
 - CVWG presentation on Branford River still pending.
- i. Stony Creek CV sub-group – status report
Goal: work with the SCA subgroup to initiate actual resilience projects in Stony Creek.
 - Status report
- j. CVWG page of Town Website - Q&A portal, Facebook page, FEMA page status report
Goal: to make our webpage more interactive and responsive to public needs regarding coastal resilience.
 - Status report

Peter Hentschel, Chairperson