



Meeting Minutes

Greater Bay Shore Planning Committee

September 4, 2014

5:30 PM

Bay Shore Fire Department
195 Fifth Avenue
Bay Shore, NY 11706

Attendance: Committee Members: Donna Periconi, Mike Eagan, Anthony Pellicone, Mary Louise Cohen, William Wheeler, Mary Robinson, Bob Petterson; Municipal Representatives: Tom Marquardt, Principal Planner, Town of Islip; National Grid Representative: Belinda Pagdanganan; Village of Brightwaters: Christian Sullivan, Village Trustee, Donna Barnett, Deputy Mayor; GOSR: Vanessa Lockel, Suffolk County Regional Lead, Valerie Scopaz, Lead Community Planner Suffolk County; Consultant Team: Jim Dowling, Jacobs, Michael Goldemberg, Jacobs, Tom Isles Cameron Engineering

Members of the Public: Rich Christie, Florina Christie, Charles Smith, Ralph Leggio, Gregory Nardone

Agenda Item: Overview of Last Meeting & Recap of Process/
Section I Comments

Presenter: Jim Dowling

Summary of Discussion:

Jim Dowling gave a welcome statement and recapped Committee Meeting 4 for the Committee Members who were not in attendance at the previous meeting held on August 21, 2014. Mr. Dowling provided a brief summary of the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program in Suffolk County and the importance of resiliency planning and building back better.

Mr. Dowling indicated that the Consultant Team will take commentary from the Committee on the Section I draft which was previously submitted to the State and distributed to the Committee. Dowling also reminded the Committee that Section I will evolve as the planning process moves forward. Mr. Dowling also notified the Committee that a draft of Section II has been submitted to the State for their review. Dowling also welcomed several members of the Board of Fire Commissioners who were in attendance.

Decision/Motions/Votes:

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Coordinate with D. Periconi to get on Chamber of Commerce Agenda for their September 30 th meeting	Jacobs	
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Agenda Item: Recap of Vision Statement/Critical Resiliency Issues/
Community Assets and Risk

Presenter: Jim Dowling

Summary of Discussion:

Mr. Dowling asked the Committee to reconfirm the Vision Statement for the Greater Bay Shore Community. Mr. Marquardt stated that the statement reads well. Dowling also asked the Committee to review the Community Asset map for any assets that may be missing.

The recent storm event (August 2014) was discussed and Dowling noted that while Sandy was primarily a surge event, the recent flooding was a rain/riverine event. Dowling also reminded the Committee that the NYRCR effort is focused on Sandy relief.

Decisions/Motions/Votes:

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Agenda Item: Review of Needs and Opportunities

Presenter: Jim Dowling

Summary of Discussion:

Mr. Dowling transitioned the Committee to a review of needs and opportunities by Recovery Support Function (RSF) for the Community. Mr. Dowling informed Committee Members that the draft list of needs and opportunities was developed based on Committee and public feedback as well as observations from the State and Consultant Team

Committee Members discussed the following related to needs and opportunities:

- Communication deficiencies among different emergency services/life safety providers (currently using different bandwidths)
- Fire Commissioners mentioned the need for search & rescue equipment: High water rescue vehicle, power for zodiacs or other inflatable craft, new fixed generator at the 40-year old BSFD Headquarters (HQ) as existing generator is undersized and unable to supply sufficient power in emergency conditions. It was noted that the BSFD HQ has supplied cots and shelter for residents that are rescued during storm events (most recently during the August flood event). The HQ has kitchen facilities but no showers.
- Bob Petterson discussed the need for a fixed generator at the YMCA. After Sandy, the YMCA investigated the installation of a fixed generator and found it to be cost prohibitive. They were able to provide hot showers only because they hadn't lost power.

- Many entities (YMCA, Schools, and BSFD) provide services to the Community during and after severe weather events and emergency situations. Potential need to develop an emergency action plan so people know where to go for help and what to do in a storm/emergency situation. Potential need for centrally-located refuge. Anthony Pellicone indicated that the Committee should explore ways to provide services to the most people.
- Ms. Lockel indicated that in their plan, the Fire Island Committee proposed to formalize their collaborative structure in order to continue to address community concerns after the NYRCR process has been completed.
- Tom Marquardt mentioned that Nicky's on the Bay in Bay Shore Marina is looking to add a second level to the restaurant. The restaurant is located on Town-owned property and could be an opportunity to enhance this waterfront destination. The need to increase the height of bulkheading in certain locations and Phase II of the Maple Avenue Dock Improvements was also discussed.
- Complete Streets project between LIRR Station and ferry docks. This type of project, focusing on the physical connection of this corridor, would also have synergistic economic development benefits.
- Christian Sullivan, Trustee in the Village of Brightwaters mentioned that the heights of bulkheading along the Brightwaters Canal are inconsistent. The bulkheading closer to Montauk Highway is in need of replacement and is lower than the bulkheading closer to the Bay. A generator for Village Hall was also discussed.
- Mr. Marquardt discussed the need to investigate infrastructure conditions within the Village, specifically, the capacity of the artificial lake system (circa 1915). Donna Periconi indicated that the lakes were used for flood control during Sandy and recently overflowed during August's storm event.
- Redevelopment Plan for Oronoco Drive industrial and commercial corridor in the Village. Village representatives mentioned that there is a Revitalization Committee that has been established to explore opportunities in the Village's Downtown Area.
- Drainage issues on Montauk Highway limit accessibility and ability to travel.
- Vulnerable Populations (Atria, ESL).
- During August storm event there were flood issues at Chelsea Place townhouses near the train station in as well as Brook Avenue where 10 families were rescued by the fire department.
- According to Pellicone about 80% of Southside Hospital's 1st floor was flooded in the recent storm. Water levels varied from 1 inch to 4 feet. Pellicone also noted that the hospital has considered a berm system in the past but decided against it as it would only redirect flooding to adjacent land uses and other parts of the Community. Mr. Pellicone also indicated that flooding at the hospital has increased since the South Shore Mall was constructed.
- Water volume from Penataquit Creek has increased since the construction of South Shore Mall.

- The Committee felt that it was very difficult to work with the DEC in terms of removing silt and conducting stream improvements. Mr. Isles discussed the Peconic River Project as an example of effective coordination with DEC to remove sediment and improve creeks within the area.

Additional topics discussed by the Committee included the need for tree maintenance; wind issues, an integrated GIS system for emergency management; and raising low points in roadways.

Mr. Dowling informed the Committee of the State/Consultant Team’s recent meeting with the Suffolk County Water Authority (SCWA). Dowling noted that the SCWA’s Fifth Avenue facility is a major facility for the Authority as over 240 wells and a pumping station are controlled through this facility. Dowling noted that SWCA representatives indicated that the wells were not inundated with storm water and overall the facility is in good shape in terms of resiliency.

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Agenda Item: Public Engagement Event 2 **Presenter:** Jim Dowling

Summary of Discussion:

Mr. Dowling indicated that the second Public Engagement Event is scheduled for 9/17. Mary Louise Cohen informed Dowling that the Board of Education is meeting that night in the Little Theater at Bay Shore High School. After discussion between the Committee and School Board President Nardone (who was also in attendance) it was decided that Public Engagement Event 2 would piggyback on to the School Board meeting.

This event will focus on engaging the public and other stakeholders to consider the work that the Committee has done to date and to solicit their input, corrections, and ideas in an interactive manner. Given the fact that the Committee’s work to date has been done over the summer time when much of the public has been occupied or on vacation, the meeting will also strive to provide an introduction to the Community Reconstruction Process as well as its relevance and value to the community (especially given the storms of August 13th and 14th).

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Mr. Dowling to coordinate with Mary Louise Cohen regarding phone blast to publicize PE 2	Jim Dowling	
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Agenda Item: Future Committee Meetings Schedule/Locations **Presenter:** Jim Dowling

Summary of Discussion:

Committee Meeting 6 has been scheduled for **Wednesday, September 10, 2014** at Bay Shore Fire Department (195 Fifth Avenue, Bay Shore, NY 11706).

Decisions/Motions/Votes:

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