

Approved at the 11-12-2020 meeting

FEMA Ad Hoc Committee-

The committee held a virtual meeting on October 30, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

Randy Bartholomew called the meeting to order with the following people in attendance:

- Randy Bartholomew (Chair, South Bethany Town Council)
- Ed Bintz
- Robin Greenhall (not on the call)
- Ria Malinak
- Chip Mitchell
- Maria Vershel
- Colin Chasler
- Holly Caporale, non-member- Petherton Dr.

The minutes for the October 22nd meeting were reviewed and modified, Ed moved, and Collin seconded the adoption of the minutes of which were unanimously approved.

The public meeting held on Tuesday; October 27, 2020 was discussed. In general, the committee felt that the meeting did not adequately address or explain how the Bayside/Riverine flood map changes were supported. FEMA confused the issue of where the flooding comes from by using a diagram showing how flooding occurs on the coast. Then finally they said the coastal area of South Bethany was not the issue, that water does not flow over Ocean Drive to the Bayside area, it was coming from the water inlets into Assawoman Bay. There was no explanation of how this occurs and what studies confirmed their conclusions. The committee discussed that having a 3rd party engineer review the technical support may be warranted. It was further discussed that having a conference call for the committee members to talk directly with FEMA. It was noted that the presentation slides and recording are not posted on the Town's website.

It was suggested that follow-up questions be posed to FEMA, as follows:

1. Request that FEMA provide digital format FEMA's calculations for the riverine LOMR and all supporting data and materials, including the Technical Support Data Notebook (TSDN) and Flood Elevation Determination Docket (FEDD) for it.
2. Request an explanation of where the flooding comes from and how the various zones were established in layman's terms.
3. Why the zone X changed to AE6 and AE7?
4. Further explanation of the use of a LOMR, which generally is initiated by the property owner and not FEMA. Should a full process be utilized instead of the short-cut LOMR method?

Randy will discuss the above with the Mayor to determine the next steps.

The next committee meeting will be set up based upon the responses noted above.