

**Town of South Bethany
Resiliency Committee Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2024**

In attendance: Edie Dondero, Chair; Tim Saxton, Joan Marini, Mike Powell, Town Manager
Maureen Hartman.

Absent: Geoff Kolberg

Other Attendees: 4

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Dondero at 10:03am.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. Public Comment Period

There was no public comment offered.

3. Discussion with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers about Section 219, Environmental Infrastructure Program

Erik Rourke from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) provided information on the 219 Program. The Program provides planning, design, and construction assistance for stormwater management and water storage and treatment systems, and environmental restoration. The Program cannot be used for flood-related projects. Flooding comes under another division of the USACE. Construction is cost-shared 75% federal and 25% non-federal. Eligible projects must be specifically named in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Bill and Erik believes that all of Delaware is covered in the Bill. A Letter of Intent must come from the town to initiate the process. The USACE reviews the letter and, after funds are appropriated, the project scope of work, budget, and cost-share agreement are negotiated. It could take up to a year to get the agreement into place. Funding can vary and could be through the county or the specific town, but it depends on how the project is designated in appropriations.

Dr. Marini asked if bulkhead enhancement would fall under the 219 Program and Erik indicated no, but it would fall under the division overseeing flooding issues. Erik will provide contact information for the USACE division in charge of flood-related issues. The Committee can prepare a letter for review by Government Affairs Officer Ed Voigt, or Erik.

4. Next Meeting

Friday, January 26, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.