

Town of South Bethany
Resiliency Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 23, 2024

In attendance: Rick Braid, Mayor Edie Dondero, Mike Powell (virtual), Art Burritt (virtual)

Public: None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. Public Comment

There were no members of the public in attendance and, thus, no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes of September 4, 2024

The minutes were approved without changes.

4. Planning for Resiliency Forum

Mayor Dondero provided an update on plans to host a Resiliency Forum for Town officials and/or volunteers working on resiliency projects in the six other coastal communities. A tentative agenda was discussed. Potential dates of November 15th and 19th were identified. Mayor Dondero will confirm the date as soon as she confirms a guest speaker.

5. Update on FEMA BRIC and FMA grants for FY2023 and FY2024

The Town received word from DEMA that FEMA is continuing to review BRIC grants that were submitted in the last round (February 2024) and selected projects will be awarded funds. This would include the BRIC grant requested for funding a flood study and mitigation design for Cat Hill. When those funds will be issued is to be determined, as FEMA is currently experiencing a funding shortfall due to the recent natural disasters. The next round of BRIC and FMA grants expected to open this fall/winter, will be delayed at best or cancelled altogether because of the shortfall. The Committee will need to seek other means of funding the implementation of AECOM's recommendations for the York Road corridor.

6. Update from Town Staff on Stormwater Management Project

Mayor Dondero read an update from Town staff on the Town-wide effort to assess all stormwater drains and address deferred maintenance. Jetting of several drainpipes is scheduled for October 30th; a contractor is providing a quote for a replacement of a pipe on S. Anchorage Drive; and debris is being removed and any standing water pumped from all drains.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43am.