

**Town of South Bethany
Resiliency Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 17, 2025**

In attendance: Art Burritt, Mayor Edie Dondero, Gerry Injaian (virtual), Joan Marini (virtual), and Mike Powell (virtual)

Absent: Rick Braida

Public Attendees: 2 virtual

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2025

The minutes were unanimously approved without changes. Motioned by Art Burritt, seconded by Gerry Injaian.

3. York Road Project Update

Mayor Dondero informed the Committee that AECOM has completed the final engineering design plans for the York Road flood mitigation effort. The final plans and report are being delivered to the Town in the coming days. Ms. Dondero will put both project approval and authorization to prepare bid documents on the Council meeting agenda for the June 27th meeting. Pending Council's approval, it is the intention to complete the project this fall. The Committee will need to revisit the anticipated phase 2 of the project and determine whether the scope of that effort is still appropriate given the loss of potential grant funds. It will also need to be prioritized with respect to other Town projects.

4. Review of Community Survey

Mayor Dondero shared some of the raw data from the community survey recently conducted by the consultants from the University of Delaware. A total of 421 responses were received, which exceeded expectations. Mayor Dondero will reach out to the planning team to learn how the full results will be analyzed and shared with the committee, Council, and residents. Based on the input from the community received via the survey and the planning meeting on May 15th, it was determined that no changes to the content of the Resiliency Action Plan were needed.

5. Review and Discussion of Resiliency Action Plan

Mr. Burritt led the Committee through a review and discussion of the final draft of the Resiliency Action Plan. A couple of changes were made to the designations of responsible parties. It was agreed that progress reports on each section of the plan will be given at future meetings. When discussion by the committee is needed on any proposed project or recommendation, the responsible party will alert the Chair to place the topic on the

subsequent meeting agenda as a discussion item. Mayor Dondero will arrange/schedule updates from staff as needed.

6. Discussion of Date for Next Resiliency Forum

This discussion was tabled by Mayor Dondero and will be taken up a future meeting.

7. Establish Recurring Date and Time for Meetings

After discussion, the Committee agreed that future meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 10am, pending meeting room availability.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:10pm.

Minutes approved July 16, 2025