

**Town of South Bethany
Resiliency Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

In attendance: Art Burritt, Gerry Injaian, Joan Marini, Mayor Edie Dondero (Chair)

1. **Meeting Called to Order at 10:00 am**
 2. **Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2025**
 - Minutes were unanimously approved with no comments
 3. **Project Updates and Discussion**
 - York Road Flood Mitigation-Phase 1 to start early spring when sustained temperatures are above 50 degrees. Phase 2 RFP for engineering is out to bid and due 2/17. Prebid date and potential award date also discussed.
 - Stormwater Improvements-New Public Works employee William working on maintenance and improvements to stormwater system, particularly drains. Additional check valves for stormwater (street) drains have been ordered. Elevations recorded by AECOM during Phase 1 work will be added to Town's GIS mapping on website. Mayor offered to have Nick come to next Resiliency Committee meeting to further discuss stormwater topics.
 4. **Committee Budget and Status of Current Budget**
 - Mayor advises \$500 included in committee budget effective 5/1/26 for events and publications. Capital items proposed for FY2027 budget include funding for both York Road phase 2 and Cat Hill flood mitigation analysis/design. Town is working with state and federal government officials to secure beach replenishment funding.
 5. **Discussion of UD IPA report and Possible Opinion to Town Council**
 - Report will be presented to Town Council at workshop meeting scheduled for 2/20. Committee held discussions regarding pervious vs. impervious recommendations and potential changes to driveway width at right-of-way. Additional conversation occurred regarding possible stormwater impact fees for homeowners. Concern was expressed by Dr Marini with the idea of using reduction of an impact fee as an incentive to voluntary actions for stormwater mitigation by owners. This approach is fiscally unfair to those who may have lesser resources; non-fiscal incentives should be promoted. Committee agreed not to provide comments to Council endorsing or disagreeing with IPA report at this time.
- **Public Comment** – None offered.
 - **Meeting Adjourned at 11:50am**