Town of South Bethany
Resiliency Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2026

In attendance: Mayor Dondero (Chair), G. Injaian, A. Burritt, J. Marini, M. Powell, Colin Chasler, Larry Budd. Absent: C. Hughes. Public attendees: 1

1. Meeting called to order at 10:00 am
2. Welcome to New Members
    - All committee member introduced themselves, discussed their backgrounds and their interest in serving on the committee.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2026
    - Minutes were unanimously approved with no comments
4. Discussion of Impacts of September Nor'easter
    - Jefferson Creek experienced the highest tide levels since Hurricane Sandy.
    - The two highest tides reached 3.09 and 3.19 feet (NAVD88) as measured on the Jefferson Creek level gauge.
    - Most roads on bayside were flooded 1 to 2 feet.
    - Observers noted cars driving through the water creating wakes causing additional challenges.
    - Several cars were reportedly damaged or totaled.
    - The dunes were significantly eroded, but protected the oceanfront homes.
5. Update on Status of Current Mitigation Projects
    - York Road, phase 2: AECOM finished gathering of elevation data, vegetation assessments, and soil borings. They are preparing a draft report and should be ready to present it to the Resiliency Committee in November.
    - Coastal Analysis: next week Verdantas will review their draft report with Town Council (TC) and the Resiliency Committee. The presentation will include their preliminary findings on the impacts of raising bulkhead heights on the flood plain and options to consider for establishing a maximum bulkhead height and the associated impacts of each.
6. Review and Discussion of the Action Plan
    - Mayor Dondero briefly discussed the purpose and use of the action plan.
7. Public Comment
    - None offered
8. Adjournment at 11:20 am

Minutes approved November 18, 2026.