

# **OLD SAYBROOK COASTAL RESILIENCE COALITION, INC.**

## **BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

LOCATION: KNOLLWOOD BEACH ASSOCIATION CLUBHOUSE

DATE/TIME: FEBRUARY 28, 2023, 4:06 P.M

ATTENDEES: Gary Albanese, Joanne Breen, Marie Cerino, Jay Costello, John Kennedy, David Pettinicchi, Edwin Rajotte, Joseph Russo, and Thomas Tokarz

EXCUSED: Lewis Perry

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

Meeting called to order at 4:06 p.m.

Review of previous meeting minutes – Motion to accept previous meeting minutes. John first, Joanne second. Previous meeting minutes approved unanimously.

Alternates for Board of Directors – A list of current primary and alternate board members is attached to these meeting minutes. Motion to accept current alternates on list. Joanne first, Marie second. Alternates approved unanimously.

Jay Costello, from Indian Town, joined the Board of Directors. He will supply a name of an alternate board member. Jay's name will be added to all appropriate incorporation documents.

#### Incorporation documents:

Certificate of Incorporation – Electronically signed prior to meeting by all members except Pettinicchi, Breen and Russo. Pettinicchi's name was spelled incorrectly, so the other two could not sign since signatures were sequential. Corrections were initialed and all three signed at this meeting on paper copy, which Joe Russo indicated was valid.

Conflict of Interest Policy Acknowledgment document was signed by each individual and given to Dave. Each board member will provide a copy of document to alternates.

Review and approve Bylaws, Conflict of Interest, Sexual Harassment, and Resolution to Open a Bank Account.

Dave Pettinicchi, Secretary, signed documents.

Motion to accept all incorporation documents. Joanne first, John second. Incorporation documents approved unanimously.

Two additional documents need signature.

Connecticut Initial Charity Registration Application – Joe will complete with attorney and will sign final version.

Federal Form 1023 - Joe and Ed will complete with lawyer. Joe will sign final version and will send an electronic copy to all board members once completed.

Additional items:

Website - Joe has registered a website with the domain name of “oscrct.org”. He is working on developing the website screens and expects to have a preliminary version for board members to review in approximately one week.

Treasurer Items – Ed will put donation checks received from associations into an OSCRC account when Liberty Bank gets copies of the Connecticut incorporation document, the Federal EIN and the signed Resolution to Open a Bank Account.

CT DEEP Proposal – Ed indicated that CT DEEP should be making an announcement of the accepted proposals for the Track 1 Climate Resilience Fund. The OSCRC proposal had a budget of \$199,100. to survey beaches and river waterfronts, to have UCONN CIRCA interpret model simulations of 2050 water encroachment, and to have a civil engineer help interpret survey results and model simulations.

Westbrook Grant – Westbrook, Fenwick and the Town of Old Saybrook won a grant last year from the 2022 National Coastal Resilience Fund (National Fish and Wildlife Foundation). OSCRC gave a letter of support for the application. Westbrook will use funds for beach repair. Gary Albanese suggested we see what Westbrook is doing and then work in a complementary manner with them, so that we do not waste money on initiatives that someone else is doing.

Beach Markers – Joe indicated that one unique aspect of the OSCRC Track 1 Proposal to CT DEEP is the placement of physical markers in beach and riverfront neighborhoods to show where water levels will be in 2050. The markers will make people aware of future issues with sea level rise and climate change. Ed noted that the survey was a good starting point, and that with simulations, may provide a good reason for taking action. Joe also noted that the survey would be done by the same company, ensuring a consistent method of assessment.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Ed first, Joanne second. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. after unanimous approval.