

OLD SAYBROOK COASTAL RESILIENCE COALITION, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Location: Mindy K's Restaurant, Old Saybrook, CT

Date: June 6, 2023

Attendees: Gary Albanese, Rick Bovino, Joanne Breen, Marie Cerino, Jay Costello, John Kennedy, Lewis Perry, Dave Pettinicchi, Ed Rajotte, Joe Russo and Tom Tokarz

Excused: Sally Pritchard

AGENDA ITEMS

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the previous Old Saybrook Coastal Resilience Coalition (OSCRC), Inc. May 2nd meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented; motion seconded and motion carried.

Vice Chairman's Report:

No Vice Chairman's report was presented.

Secretary's Report:

No secretary's report was presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Ed Rajotte, reported that we have received tax-deductible contributions of \$250 from Chalker Beach, Fenwood District, Great Hammock Beach, Knollwood Beach, Otter Cove, Saybrook Manor, and Saybrook Manor Cove associations. He distributed the "OSCRC, Inc. Contribution" form to be filled out by directors whose associations made contributions to the Coalition. After receiving a completed form, the treasurer will acknowledge the contribution and return a scanned copy. Contributions will also be listed on the OSCRC Inc. website.

Two associations, Indian Town and Cornfield Point, have yet to submit a \$250 donation.

The bank expenses to date are as follows:

\$50.00 Incorporation fee to the Secretary of the State of Connecticut.

\$50.00 Organization and First Report fee to the Secretary of the State Connecticut.

\$1,460.00 Legal fee to Cloutier & Cassella, LLC.

The fee for registering and developing the website has been encumbered by a board member but not submitted due to lack of funds in the OSCRC bank account.

\$6.00 (3 months x \$2.00 per month) fee for mailed hard copies of the OSCRC bank account statements from Liberty Bank, Old Saybrook, CT. The treasurer will have the bank send bank account statements electronically rather than hard copies in the future to save money.

The current OSCRC bank balance as of May 31, 2023 is \$184.00.

Chair's Report:

1. The Organization and First Report was sent to the Secretary of the State of Connecticut on May 16, 2023. OSCRC has not received a confirmation of its reception.
2. Don Carver was introduced as the alternate board of director for the Knollwood Beach Association.
3. CT DEEP was contacted by email regarding OSCRC's Climate Resilience Fund proposal. DEEP responded that no decision has been made on proposals.
4. Joe Russo will begin training to develop the oscrcct.org website from the website provider in the near future.

Old Business:

1. Update on Old Saybrook-Westbrook grant. Colliers Engineering & Design of Madison, CT was selected as planning consultant for grant activities. Joe Russo accepted an invitation on behalf of the OSCRC to attend the kickoff meeting on June 15, 2023 with the planning consultant.
2. Update on pre-proposal to the NFWF National Coastal Resilience Fund. The pre-proposal did not result in an invitation to submit a full proposal.
3. Update on the NFWF Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF). The Great Hammock Beach (GHB) proposal was submitted by the May 10, 2023 deadline to the LISFF grant program with the paid assistance of GZA. The submitted proposal is for the two-year period (January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2025) for the requested amount of \$115,000. If the proposal is accepted, OSCRC must show evidence of 25% matching funds for a total of \$28,750. The board wishes to acknowledge the contributions of time and/or material made by various board members in support of the LISFF grant proposal submission.
4. Letter of support for Tri-Town 2023 application to the NFWF LISFF grant program. Joe Russo provided Chris Costa a letter of support from the OSCRC for the Tri-Town proposal to the LISFF grant program. The letter of support cited issues with the tide gate at Chalker Beach and the need to implement a living shoreline and sand nourishment on the beaches in the study area.

New Business:

1. Gary Albanese asked Joe Russo to come to Chalker Beach to look at beach groins, which are an issue.

2. We are obligated as an organization to provide educational programs to all associations, and are looking for ideas on how to do this. Dave Pettinicchi suggested showing original PowerPoint presentation to individual associations to at least get them started.
3. Ed emphasized the need to create literature, such as a 2-page description of OSCRC activities and goals, for distribution to the public.
4. Motion to make the \$250 contribution an annual request from each association. Proposed by Lewis Perry; seconded by Joanne Breen.
5. Joanne Breen will get names and contact information of staff people in offices of congressional members. Joanne already has name of Joe Courtney's staffer in his D.C. Office.
6. Board members should send the dates of their annual meetings to Joe Russo so that he can plan to attend accordingly.

Additional items:

Rick Bovino, a member of the Bel Aire Manor beach association and owner of Mindy K's restaurant, wished to express his appreciation of being included on the OSCRC board as a non-voting affiliate member by contributing at no cost food and beverages for the June 6 meeting. The food was delicious!!!

Next Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Mindy K's restaurant in Old Saybrook.

Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn meeting at 8:05 p.m.