

OLD SAYBROOK COASTAL RESILIENCE COALITION, INC.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Location: Old Saybrook Town Hall

Date: May 2, 2023

Attendees: Gary Albanese, Richard Bovino, Joanne Breen, Marie Cerino, Sally Pritchard, Ed Rajotte, Joe Russo and Tom Tokarz

Excused: Jay Costello, John Kennedy, Lewis Perry, and David Pettinicchi

AGENDA ITEMS

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the previous April 4th meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented; motion seconded and motion carried.

Secretary's Report:

No secretary's report was presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Ed Rajotte, reported that we have received the requested \$250 from various beach associations. The only expenses to date are as follows:

\$50.00 incorporation fee to the State of Connecticut

\$4.00 postage

We have not yet received bills for either our legal fees or for establishment of our website.

Chair's Report:

1. It has been confirmed by the State of Connecticut that we are officially approved as a nonprofit organization. Approval from the federal government will take approximately six months.
2. We still are in need of a couple of names for alternates to the Board of Directors.
3. We have not yet heard from DEEP regarding our Climate Resilience Fund proposal.
4. Our website provider does offer training which Joe will take advantage of once time permits.

Old Business:

1. Update on Old Saybrook-Westbrook grant. An evaluation was underway for solicited bids from planning consultants.
2. Update on pre-proposal to the NFWF National Coastal Resilience Fund. The pre-proposal was submitted with the assistance of GZA.
3. Update on the Long Island Sound Resilience Grant Writing Assistance Program (Connecticut Sea Grant, UCONN education). The Long Island Sound Resilience Grant Writing Assistance Program was submitted with the assistance of GZA and funded on May 2, 2023. The award amount was for \$8,000, which was directly paid to GZA to assist in writing the NFWF Long Island Sound Futures Fund grant.
4. Update on the NFWF Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF). A motion was made that we proceed in support of the Great Hammock Beach (GHB) proposal to the LISFF grant program. Motion seconded, no discussion, and motion carried unanimously. GZA is being paid through the Long Island Sound Resilience Grant Writing Assistance Program to assist in writing the proposal for the LISFF. It was noted that the deadline for proposal submission was May 10. Accordingly, the following items needed to be completed by that date.
 - Joe Russo and Scott Loveland of Great Hammock Beach will work with GZA to provide necessary background material for the GHB proposal.
 - Joe Russo would contact Chris Costa to get a letter of support from the Town of Old Saybrook for the GHB proposal.
 - Great Hammock Beach would submit their own letter of support for their proposal.
 - Each primary representative on the Old Saybrook Coastal Resilience Coalition (OSCRC) board of directors would submit a brief resume noting areas of expertise for inclusion in the GHB proposal.
5. Letter of support for Tri-Town 2023 application to the NFWF LISFF grant program. Joe Russo would provide Chris Costa a letter of support from the OSCRC for the Tri-Town proposal to the LISFF grant program. The letter of support would mention the planned Chalker Beach study. As Gary Albanese reported, Chalker Beach is looking to hire Race Coastal Engineering pending association approval to do a study to restore sand that was washed out over time for a cost of \$18,000.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Additional items:

There were no additional items.

Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn meeting at 5:05 p.m.