

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

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

Date: December 5, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Gary Albanese, Joanne Breen, Rick Bovino, Marie Cerino, Tara Gustafson, Donna Henry, Dave Hopkins, Connie Hughes, Carolyn Lyle, Ed Rajotte, and Joe Russo

Excused: Jean Boggs, Don Carver, Beth Chotkowski, Michael Cohen, Jay Costello, John Kennedy, Scott Loveland, Terence McGrath, Lew Perry, Dave Pettinicchi, Robert Polito, and Sally Pritchard

Guest: Doug McCracken, David Lyle

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The previous Old Saybrook Coast Resilience Coalition (OSCRC), Inc. November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented; motion seconded and motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Secretary reminded members should follow up meeting discussion points with an email to ensure their accurate inclusion in the meeting minutes.

Vice Chair's Report: No report given.

Treasurer's Report:

No bank transactions during the past month.

The 2023 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 of Connecticut

\$1460.00 Legal fee to Cloutier & Cassella, LLC

\$4.00 bank fees

\$16.50 for checks

The current OSCRC balance as of November 30, 2023 is \$669.50.

Chair's Report:

1. A letter was received from the Internal Revenue Service indicating that OSCRC, Inc. is recognized as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that is exempt from federal income tax.
2. Joe Russo sent an updated list of all Board members with the approval of the Board.

3. Joe Russo reminded Board members that a 2024 donation of \$250. from their associations is due after January 1.

#### Old Business:

1. Update on the Clinton-Fenwick-Old Saybrook-Westbrook grant. There are no upcoming events. In the last meeting minutes, Doug McCracken stated that the consultants hired with a NFWS grant, Colliers Engineering, will be selecting 4 or so projects from each community to lay out conceptual ideas and move them closer to shovel ready. He expanded on this statement in the current meeting, which included a member discussion. Board members are encouraged to go online (<https://www.4shoresiliency.com>) to identify areas of concern for climate change by posting pin on an interactive map along with a comment about the risk.
2. Update on the NFWF Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF). An email was received on Nov. 14, 2023 from the NFWF Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF) indicating that the Great Hammock Beach (GHB) proposal was not funded.
3. Joe Russo will be giving a PowerPoint presentation to Otter Cove District on Saturday, January 13, 2024 in the upstairs media room at the Acton Library in Old Saybrook. Please contact Joe if you wish to schedule a presentation.
4. Chalker Beach representatives gave an update on the Whole Foods application to build at an Old Saybrook site.
5. Four teams of volunteers from the OSCRC Board of Directors were created as a follow-up to Joe's proposal. There was discussion about team leaders as well as about the activities of each team and reporting practices.
  - Literature creation ((Dave Pettinicchi)
  - Planning and permitting project proposals (Joe Russo)
  - Funding for shovel-ready projects (Ed Rajotte)
  - Donations (need leader)
6. Each OSCRC Board Member provided one major beach-related issue for his/her association. The list of submitted issues are at the end of these minutes.
7. The OSCRC Board membership discussed the rescheduling of the "grand tour" field trip to association beaches and riverfronts. The rescheduled trip was set for Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 1:00 pm EST. The rendezvous location for the trip is the Knollwood Beach clubhouse parking lot. In case of bad weather on January 14, the trip will be rescheduled again for Sunday, January 21 at the same time and place.

#### New Business:

1. Gary Albanese discussed the Race Coastal Engineering proposal to Chalker Beach for a beach nourishment study.
2. The Long Island Sound Funders Collaborative announced a request for proposals for the Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund 2024. Board members were encouraged to attend the upcoming applicant seminar mentioned in the announcement and think of a potential project. Proposals are due February 1, 2024.

Additional Items:

Thanks again to Rick Bovino for hosting and providing food for the meeting.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Major Beach-Related Issue by Association

Bel Aire Manor –

Chalker Beach – Tide gate

Cornfield Point – Seawall repair

Fenwood District – Complete seawall

Great Hammock Beach – Back River shoreline

Indian Town –

Knollwood Beach – Storm drains

Otter Cove –

Saybrook Manor – Dock remediation and Hartford Avenue beach stairs

Saybrook Manor Cove –

Summerwood Condos -