

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

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

Date: July 6, 2023, 7:03 p.m

Attendees: Gary Albanese, Rick Bovino, Joanne Breen, Don Carver, Marie Cerino, Michael Cohen, Jay Costello, Donna Henry, John Kennedy, Lewis Perry, Dave Pettinicchi, Ed Rajotte, and Joe Russo

Excused:

Guest: Terrence McGrath, Chalker Beach Association

AGENDA ITEMS

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the previous Old Saybrook Coastal Resilience Coalition (OSCRC), Inc. June 6th meeting were reviewed. Dave P. read additions, changes to the previous minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented; motion seconded and motion carried.

Secretary's Report:

No secretary's report was presented,

Vice Chair Report:

Gary indicated that Joe did not get time to speak at the recent Chalker Beach meeting and will be reinvited at a future date.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Ed Rajotte, distributed acknowledged "OSCRC, Inc. Contribution" forms back to the associations who made contributions to the Coalition. Contributions will eventually 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.

\$4.00 bank fees.

\$16.50 for checks.

Since the last meeting, the treasurer had Liberty Bank send account statements electronically instead of hard copies to save money.

The current OSCRC bank balance as of June 30, 2023 is \$169.50.

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. Joe will contact the Secretary of State about the status of the submission.
2. Donna Henry was introduced as the alternate board of director for the Indian Town Association.
3. DEEP sent an email indicating that OSCRC's Climate Resilience Fund proposal was not funded.
4. Joe Russo will participate in a training session this month to develop the osrcct.org website.

Old Business:

1. Clinton-Fenwick-Old Saybrook-Westbrook grant - Joe Russo attended the Old Saybrook-Westbrook grant kickoff meeting on June 15, 2023 in Westbrook town hall as the representative from the OSCRC. The meeting was hosted by Colliers Engineering & Design of Madison, CT. Joe made several contacts with local government officials.
2. Update on the NFWF Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF). A decision is still pending on the Great Hammock Beach (GHB) proposal that was submitted to the NFWF Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF).
3. Joe Russo will visit Chalker Beach this month to look at beach groins and give a presentation at one of their meetings.
4. Joe Russo will visit Saybrook Manor Association to look at their beach, wall, and dock situations. Date and time to be determined.
5. Joe Russo has agreed to give a PowerPoint presentation to individual associations within the OSCRC (see 'additional items' below). Board members agreed to send dates of their annual or special meetings to Joe so that he can plan accordingly.
6. Joe asked for volunteers to help create literature on OSCRC activities for distribution to the public. No one stepped forward during the meeting.
7. Joanne Breen reported on names and contact information of staff people in offices of congressional members. The contact for Senator Richard Blumenthal is Richard Khoe, 860-258-6951 (Chief of Staff). The contact for Congressman Joe Courtney is Julia McGrath, Julia.mcgrath@mail.house.gov. The contact for Congresswoman Johana Hayes is Annmarie Goyzueta, 202-225-4476, annmarie.goyzueta@mail.house.gov. We have not contacted anyone yet, but will do so when we create some literature. We want to reach out to all state representatives and realtors who are assigned to their corresponding state staff member. They will have additional contacts.

New Business:

1. New members. Alternates are welcome to come any time, but at least one member of each association should be at every meeting.
2. Jay Costello - Asked if incorporation documents and bylaws are available. Joe Russo will put together a packet showing bylaws, incorporation documents etc.
3. Jay Costello - Asked for a copy of the Back River application for funding. A representative from Great Hammock Beach Association will send Jay a copy of the application.
4. Gary Albanese - State developer for Whole Foods resubmitted revised application for Old Saybrook site. Gary will attend first public hearing and report back to the Board.

Additional items:

1. Joe Russo did an in-depth “practice run” of the presentation he plans to make to the various associations regarding OSCRC. The presentation provided a great deal of valuable information, history, and projections for the future of the shoreline. He then opened the floor for comments and suggestions. Reaction was very positive, but it was recommended by numerous board members that the presentation be streamlined somewhat, putting more focus on the future effects versus the scientific background.
2. Kudos to Rick Bovino for once again hosting the meeting and providing some delicious snacks.
3. No date was set for the next board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.