

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

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

Date: March 5, 2024, 7:00 pm

Attendees: Gary Albanese, Rick Bovino, Marie Cerino, Jay Costello, Tara Gustafson, Donna Henry, Dave Hopkins, Connie Hughes, John Kennedy, and Joe Russo

Excused: Jean Boggs, Joanne Breen, Don Carver, Beth Chotkowski, Michael Cohen, Scott Loveland, Carolyn Lyle, Terence McGrath, Lew Perry, Dave Pettinicchi, Robert Polito, and Sally Pritchard, and Ed Rajotte

Guest: Doug McCracken

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. February 6th meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes; motion seconded and motion carried.

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Bank transactions during the past month included the deposit of donations for four associations (Fenwood, Indian Town, Saybrook Manor Cove, and Knollwood Beach).

The 2024 bank deposits and expenses to date are as follows:

Deposits: \$1,500

Expenses: None

The current OSCRC balance as of March 4, 2024 is \$2,169.50.

Treasurer deposited four checks of \$1,000 for donations from Fenwood, Indian Town, Saybrook Manor Cove, and Knollwood Beach.

Treasurer distributed contribution forms to Saybrook Manor Cove and Knollwood Beach for received donations.

Treasurer reminded Board members of the remaining associations that their donations are due for 2024. Mail check to Ed Rajotte or bring it to a future meeting.

Vice Chair's Report:

Gary Albanese stressed the need to educate Old Saybrook coastal residents about “living shorelines” in addition to climate change and sea level rise.

Chair's Report:

1. 2023 federal and state reports and account information are due in the 1st quarter, 2024.

Old Business:

1. Update on the Clinton-Fenwick-Old Saybrook-Westbrook (4 Shore Resilience) grant.
 - Hydrodynamic modeling of ocean water south of Route 1 has been completed by Colliers Engineering & Design.
 - Committee members will be visiting sites marked with pins on climate change risk map during March and April of this year.
 - Clinton-Fenwick-Old Saybrook-Westbrook will be resubmitting an update to last year's proposal to the NFWF Long Island Sound Futures Fund for 2024.
 - A first draft of the plan report for the 4 Shore Resilience grant will be released in May of this year. The outline for the plan report is presented in the appendix of these minutes.
 - Committee members will be meeting with different state officials during the spring.
2. Chalker Beach representatives reported that public meetings on the Whole Foods application to build in Old Saybrook have ended and the next steps are in the hands of the Town of Old Saybrook authorities.
3. OSCRC volunteer team reports:
 - Literature creation (Dave Pettinicchi).
 - The team will be following the nine points of literature development by first identifying the various audiences for climate change information.
 - Planning, permitting, and performance (shovel-ready) project proposals (Joe Russo).
 - The team is waiting on a response to the Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund 2024 proposal entitled “A Beach Nourishment Strategy for Old Saybrook Beach Communities: A Proposal to LISFF.”
 - The Zoom meeting with state representative Martha Marx about Fenwood seawall has been rescheduled for some day in May, 2024.
 - The Board agreed to support the Town of Old Saybrook in their resubmission of a proposal to NFWF Long Island Sound Futures Fund 2024.
 - Donations (need leader) – No report.
4. The Board reviewed government agency and private corporation funding opportunities.
 - The Board discussed potential submissions for the Constellation Energy \$500 grant.
 - The Board discussed the list of upcoming webinar and request for proposals from funding agencies that was distributed by Joe as materials for this meeting.
 - Joe and John Kennedy attended the webinar on March 5 for the Coastal Resilience Fund and shared some notes he took with the Board. They believe there may be an opportunity to submit a proposal.

- Scott Loveland and Jay Costello plan to attend the Sustainable and Resilient Communities (SRC) Regional Funding workshop on March 7 in Groton, CT. Jay plans to attend the workshop on March 21 in Bridgeport, CT.
 - Connie Hughes provided an update on having representatives from organizations sponsoring grants come and speak to us.
5. Joe is coordinating with Chris Costa, Town Planner and Connecticut Zoning Enforcement Officer, to give a 15-minute Climate Change presentation plus questions sometime in early spring of this year to Old Saybrook residents at the Town Hall.

New Business:

Additional Items:

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Appendix:

4Shore Coastal Resiliency Project Update

Outline for the 4Shore Coastal Resiliency Plan report, expected to be complete in June.

1. Planning Process
 - a. Project Purpose and Study Area
 - b. How this Plan was Developed
 - c. Community Engagement and Education
2. State of the Coast
 - a. Study Area Profile
 - b. Existing Planning Initiatives
 - c. Existing Conditions
 - d. Community Assets and Issues
3. Projected Change
 - a. Sea Level Rise Scenarios
 - b. Vulnerability and Risk Assessment
4. Building Resilience
 - a. Adaptation Options
 - b. Local Project Concepts
 - c. Resilience and Adaptation Project List
 - d. Potential Funding Sources

2 projects for each town, plus 2 overarching (beneficial to all)