OLD SAYBROOK COASTAL RESILIENCE COALITION, INC.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Location: Mindy K's Restaurant, Old Saybrook (OS), CT

Date: September 1, 2026

Meeting called to Order at 6:12PM

Attendees: Gary Albanese, Rick Bovino, Joanne Breen, J Brooke, Marie Cerino, Beth Chotkowski, Michael Cohen, Jamie Greacen, Connie Hughes, Carolyn Lyle, Terence McGrath, Andrew Morosky, Robert Pulito, Edwin Rajotte, Joseph Russo

Excused: Jeff Brodersen, Joseph Budnick, Jay Costello, Marisa Giarnella, Tara Gustafson, Donna Henry, David Hopkins, Garry Jacobsen, John Kennedy, Scott Loveland, Steve Norcia, Dave Pettinicchi, Sally Pritchard, Michael Russo, Paul Serksnas

Non-Voting Affiliates: Doug McCracken

Agenda Items

Review and Approved Minutes from 8/4/2026 Meeting (Motion – Andrew, 2nd – Joann)

Secretary: No Report
Treasurer's Report (Ed): RACE paid $1102.50 for study, current balance is $16,791.80
Vice Chair – No Report
Chair – No Report

Old Business

1. Old Saybrook/Westbrook Marsh Investigation public update on 9/24/2026 at Westbrook Town Hall. Flyer to be distributed.
2. Chalker Beach (Gary Albanese) – Nothing new to report. Beach Nourishment now under oversight of OSCRC & RACE has begun the data research for sand search.
3. Literature (Joe Russo): Nothing new to report.
4. Planning – Fenwood Seawall: Press release forthcoming for public meeting by CTDOT to discuss project to be held on 11/4 at OS Middle School. Funding is to be 80% federal and 20% state of CT.
5. Project Tracker: Andrew from Summerwood will take over responsibility. Drainage issues are being reported to OSDPW by Gary. Add drainage plan to Tracker.
6. Funding:

   Private: No Report.

   Gov't: Courtney's office is now focusing on contaminated public water supply in SE CT. Town: No Report.
7. Climate Change Presentations: Newsletter to include climate change article, Super El Nino impact, and possible Joint PSA with Town/OSPD.

   OSCRC Video – Connie and Joe to develop script.
8. FEMA – No Report

9. OS Land Trust - No Report
10. Town of OS News (Doug M.)
    a. Solar Farm – Carolyn reported on thoughts of possible date center on Bokum Road adjacent to solar farm. 6.8 acres of forest have been cleared so far. Made a presentation to Zoning to propose a ban on data centers.
    b. Housing Act – federal passed act
    c. Transit communities – River COG assessment for each town due by 6/27 to establish # of affordable housing units.
    d. CT Grants for housing opportunities being supported at high-levels.
    e. Resiliency Funds – used for Chalker Marsh study, Saybrook Point Seawall, etc. OSCRC Can seek funding on similar projects.
    f. Land Swap – proposal made for new "Dock & Dine." 113 indoors seat and 87 outdoor.
    g. Protect the Preserve – No report.
11. Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce–(Jamie) Have moved meeting location from Pavillion to Estuary. OSCRC renewing membership for 2027. Possible grants application assistance??
12. OSCRC Quarterly Newsletter (Jamie) – Next edition may include: Fenwood/Knollwood Seawall, 9/24 Marsh Update Meeting, Hurricane Irene look-back, & more
13. Comms Strategy (Ed) – Fenwood Seawall recognition of OSCRC as driving force for project
14. My Coast (Carolyn) – send pics in app of flooding. Town also sending pics (G. Jacobson)
15. Environmental Protection Network (EPN) – Potential pro-bono services to OSCRC and members.
16. Westbrook Resilience Activity (Joe) – making additional contacts to include in OSCRC or potential collaboration with regional projects.
17. Upcoming Events:
    a. 9/24 March Public Hearing
    b. CT Sea Grants Seminar at Hammonasset (T. McGrath to attend)
    c. CT Sea Grant in West Haven on 10/2
    d. Annual Workshop 11/18 LIS Partnership & Sea Grant in Bridgeport

New Business:

1. Plum Bank Bridge Repair; new bridge constructed 8.5 inches too low. Will need to be raised at an estimated cost of $3.6 Mil, which far exceeds cost to install the new bridge 2 years ago.

Next Meeting: October 6, 2026

Meeting Adjourned at 7:06PM (Motion – Jamie, 2nd – Mike Cohen)

Submitted to Joe Russo 10/5/2026

Terence J. McGrath

Secretary OSCRC