

December 13, 2022 Meeting Notes

Flood Committee

Attendees: Donnie Bowen, Lauren Kabler, Gary Koopman, Lisa Garrett, Dave Damalouji, Jay Loveless, Anna Johnson, Carola Wilson, Luke Johnson, Allan Grubel-Creamer, Stacy Milor.

Discussion Items

1. BayLand preparation of Compound Flood Action Plan

- a.** Anna Johnson of BayLand reported her team is nearing completion of the plan draft. They are currently working through various mitigation strategies, concentrating on the larger areas of concern in the draft, but indicating the relevance of their recommendations for other areas of concern.
- b.** Anna re-requested the engineering designs for the 7th and 9th Street pump stations to insure BayLand's recommendations are in-sync with Town plans. Donnie will resend.
- c.** BayLand plans to deliver a working draft of the plan to Committee members before the January 10, 2023 session. The Committee decided to devote the entire January session to the presentation/discussion of the draft.

2. Status of Grant Applications

- a.** Tom Litke reported via email that the MDEM/FEMA grant applications (7th Street pump station and 9th Street pump station upgrade) were submitted on time, and he has received comments. Revisions are due December 30.
- b.** Tom noted some parts of the applications could benefit from revisions and improvements could be made to the relevancy of some attachments. He asked if any Committee members could assist, to which Carola, Luke, and Dave volunteered some time.
- c.** Carola noted that some parts of the applications were complex to the point of being unfathomably. Committee discussion ended with acknowledging the likelihood of achieving these grants was slim, but the experience of going through the process would bring benefits in the future.

3. Status of Current Projects

- a.** Donnie reported that the new duckbill valve for the 5th Street pump upgrade was installed as well as the conduit and wiring for the new control panel. The former requires some tightening to seal off tiny leaks, which the contractor will perform, weather-permitting.
- b.** The next step in the process will be to clear the silt build-up from the concrete pit. Once that clean-up is complete, the base fittings for the two pumps can be installed with the pump installation to follow.

4. Planning for North Beach Vendor Fair

- a.** Plans were tentatively set to hold the meeting in late April. A firm date will be chosen at the January meeting.
- b.** While the outline of a to-do list was discussed (i.e., contacting vendors, compiling handouts, arranging logistics, communicating to residents, etc.), it was decided to more specifically identify tasks after the BayLand presentation.
- c.** Plans include inviting the Chesapeake Beach Sustainability Committee to participate.

5. New Business

- a.** Luke will assume a new SME post, Grey/Green Infrastructure.
- b.** The grants process (researching, applying, revising, managing) will likely become more than the Committee can achieve as volunteers—particularly as the Compound Flood Action Plan will likely necessitate pursuing state and federal funding. It's evident that additional resources will need to be devoted to this area.
- c.** Stacy noted that the deadline for budget submissions is due 2/1/23, and recommended requesting funds for Flood Committee training/education.