



May SLR Working Group Meeting Minutes

Date: May 16, 2020

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Location: Meeting by ZOOM

Deborah Lamm opened the meeting, thanked everyone for their participation, reviewed the progress the resiliency team has made the past two years, and reviewed the agenda for the morning.

Jocelyn Lahey reviewed the Zoom protocols for the meeting.

Mark Rooney (Town Manager) and Lisa Pelligrini (Director of Development Services) reviewed the Town of Westerly's resiliency initiatives. Special attention was paid to describing the project submitted to the RI DEM Resiliency grant program – the Atlantic Avenue Road Raising Demonstration project. This would reduce Atlantic Avenue flooding during nuisance tides and heavy rain events.

Deborah Lamm reviewed the RI DEM Resiliency Grant opportunity and the application requirements. Randy Abood described the Fire District's interest in the grant opportunity. The proposed project will help resolve an urgent problem for the Fire District with significant financial savings to the Fire District tax payers. Beth Bean reviewed the history of Park Commission work to engineer solutions to Fort Road and Napatree flooding. Peter August reviewed the details of the proposal with a focus on the plans to resolve nuisance tide flooding at the Napatree entrance and flooding along Fort Road by the Yacht Club, Larkin Square and the Cabanas.

Janice Sassi, Jocelyn Lahey, Deborah Lamm, and Peter August briefly described the student projects underway by seniors at the University of Rhode Island and Eastern Connecticut State University. We will schedule a presentation by the students at our June meeting.

11:00: Adjourn