

Minutes
7 July 2010

8:30 am, Saco Transportation Center Conference Room
Steering Committee for Sea Level Adaptation Working Group

Members Present:

Ken Buechs, Dr. Steve Zeeman, Biddeford
Peter Marks, Bob Hamblen, Saco
Jay Chace, Lucy LaCasse, Scarborough
Gary Lamb, Jim Walker, Old Orchard Beach

Staff in attendance: J.T. Lockman, SMRPC, Pete Slovinsky, MGS, Laura Wurst, Intern, MGS, Maine Dept. of Conservation, Emily Cross, Planning Dept. Intern, City of Saco

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am and began with introductions. All future meeting dates will be held at the train station conference room at 8:30 am. The next three meetings will be held July 21, Aug 4, and Aug 25. J.T. Lockman led the meeting and presented the minutes of the June 23rd meeting, and the following changes were requested from the group:

On page 2, second paragraph, first sentence, delete the end of the sentence, beginning from the words "December 2010," thereby ending the sentence with the word winter.

J.T. then led a discussion on the second draft of the white paper outlining a possible interlocal agreement creating a SLAWG. The following changes were suggested:

- In the preamble, add a whereas statement indicating that four communities dealing with DEP and the state agencies will be more effective than each community working alone, and grant opportunities can be maximized and consulting costs can be reduced, by acting regionally.
- In item B purpose, add "propose or suggest changes" after the words "review Local, state and federal coastal management policies," in the second line.
- Agreed the three subparts of the purpose statement should be moved to the duties section, to make the purpose more general.
- Modify purpose statement to include verbiage such as "establish a committee to estimate regional vulnerability to the effects of sea level rise, and develop an action plan, identify effects, identify objectives, and establish recommendations for actionable solutions."
- Under membership, state that length of terms are at the discretion of the appointing council.
- Under consensus, indicate that vote on recommendation will be shown in the event that consensus can not be reached.
- Change "powers and duties" to "duties" in item D.
- Indicate in D that decision making will be based on information collected in the CHRT project. Committee's first duty will be creation of an action plan.
- Under duties, add coordination with Saco Bay Implementation Team as #6.
- Under duties, add caveat that balance will be struck between retreat and construction alternatives.

- Move Work Items E to cover letter that will accompany the interlocal agreement, instead of being part of the agreement.
- Under funding, add that Scarborough will send its match to GPCOG in future.

The committee agreed that we will use the next meeting to review Coastal Hazard Resiliency Tools work done to date, as this will be the basis for SLAWG decision making, and the steering committee members have uneven familiarity with what has been done.

JT informed the group, that Kathleen Leyden at Maine Coastal Program indicated that 306 program funding is likely to be available for the continuation of to SLAWG after Dec. 31, 2010. Local match will probably still be needed in roughly the same amounts.

J.T. promised that the website for SLAWG would be up soon, with background documents available, including the Saco Bay Management Plan from 2000.

The group agreed to invite guests to next meeting for the CHRT presentation...elected officials and town managers.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.