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## COASTAL RESILIENCY TASK FORCE

**Minutes  
Special Meeting  
Thursday, February 13, 2025  
5:30 p.m.  
The Green Room and Zoom**

Members Present: Chairperson, Martin Jaffe, Carrie Allen, Robin Kohnke (via Zoom) , Tom Welch, Kate Zadek.

Members Absent: Zach Plourde

Also Present: Abby Y. Piersall, AICP, Town Planner and Lori Pascarelli, Land Use Administrative Assistant/Clerk.

Chair Jaffe called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

### **1. Discuss Final Draft Four Shore Coastal Resiliency Plan**

Members discussed feedback on the draft Plan posted for public review. The Task Force provided the following recommendations and changes to the plan:

- Ther Regulatory component of recommendation #21 should be removed. This recommendation should apply to Town decision-making for capital projects, grant applications, and public funding. Regulatory elements are addressed elsewhere in the plan.
  - Provide more clear priorities for implementation timelines in the Section 4 recommendations, such as less than five years, five to ten years, and more than ten years.
  - Technical Section should be condensed and written in less technical terms. Much of the technical information presented in this section could be moved to the appendix.
  - There are still concerns that the graphics are difficult to read.
- A. Piersall reviewed the presentation of the Final Draft Four Shore Coastal Resiliency Plan which the consultant will present at the February 26, 2025 public forum.
- There are still concerns that the graphics are difficult to read/understand during the presentation and that the technical modeling conversation will take away from the bigger picture message of why this Plan is important and how the Town should use it.
  - The use of street names overlayed on graphics may help residents better understand the data.
  - Members recommended the consultants use of Town-specific pictures of flooded areas that were provided at the beginning of the presentation.

- Members worried that there were too many slides in the presentation, including slides with information relevant to other towns, and expressed concern that there would be insufficient time for questions and discussion.

## **2. Plan of Conservation and Development Update**

Early April is slated for the first public workshop. Prior to the public workshop, A. Piersall will revisit Resiliency with the consultant and with this group.

The Task Force agreed to cancel the March 3, 2025 meeting and hold the April 7, 2025 after the Plan is finalized. They noted the need to have a discussion about the group's future and the need for resiliency work to continue in Clinton.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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