

## **BOROUGH OF FENWICK**

### **Shoreline Committee Special Meeting – July 21, 2017 4 Nibang Avenue, 10:00 AM**

A Special Meeting of the Living Shoreline Committee was held at 4 Nibang Avenue on Friday, July 21, 2017.

Members Present: Bill Webster, Ethel Davis, Jessica Gay, Jennifer McCann.

Members Absent: Jamie Gay, Bill Christensen.

Others Present: Marilyn Ozols, Juliana Barrett, Nikki Pirtel.

#### **1. Call to order.**

W. Webster called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

#### **2. Hepburn Dune; GZA Proposal & Timeline.**

W. Webster stated that the Hepburn Dune project, which has become a priority for the Borough, will be discussed at the Burgess meeting at 4:00; a contract with GZA for coastal engineering services is being finalized; there will be a kick-off meeting Monday which Peter Francis and Marcy Balint of DEEP will also attend.

E. Davis stated that the LPLT should be a party to any implementation contract since they own part of the property involved and that she believes Crab Creek should be included in the scope.

J. Barrett reminded everyone that there needs to be an evaluation and a process; there is should not be any predetermined design or material type.

#### **3. Sequassen Dune.**

W. Webster stated that he believes it is critical to focus on the Sequassen Dune along with the Hepburn Dune and he has been told that there will be savings if the engineering is combined. He added that the walk on Monday will include both dunes; that an education component to develop awareness within the Borough will be important; that Jacobsen has surveyed the Sequassen dune and they have a cost estimate for placing sand as a fall back; that related to the dune restoration is the removal of logs that have washed in and discussion of parking, sight lines, and deterioration of the road as a result of flooding; and that currently no money is designated for Sequassen Avenue road repair. He stated that he will be recommending to the Board of Warden and Burgesses that an informational meeting (similar to Ellsworth Grant's meeting on the marsh restoration) be held before Labor Day. The message to deliver should focus on the dune projects as well as related road, pond, creek, and parking issues. J. Barrett agreed that education is critical and noted that any presentation should include information on living shorelines as well as the history of the dune. She will provide a copy of the history that was written for the previous project. E. Davis reminded all that the notebooks created at that time are filed in the archives. W. Webster indicated that he has photos and videos of the Hepburn, Sequassen and Scum Beach dune areas prior, during, and after severe flooding incidents. He will provide copies to the office and archives.

#### **4. Grant Opportunities.**

It was indicated that grant opportunities exist and the GZA scope of services includes assistance with grant applications; Old Saybrook may also be able to provide some grant writing assistance.

J. Barrett will continue to keep the Borough updated on programs that may be pertinent. She added that she had attended a conference in Rhode Island, which was also attended by GZA, where a concept involving multiple components (similar to Lego's) was presented for low sill construction. The Michael Singer Studio indicated at the time that it would fund an example project if the right conditions are met.

M. Ozols has registered for the mandatory webinar for the CIRCA grant due September 1 and will share the registration information with the Committee.

**5. Fundraising (LPLT/FIF).**

There are multiple arms to fundraising, which can include specific private fundraising activities similar to the previous marsh restoration, as well as FIF participation. W. Webster indicated that FIF will be meeting in the next few weeks and will begin discussing its priorities.

**6. Old Business.**

J. McCann reiterated that work on Sequassen Road should be coordinated with any work on the dune. It was noted that current prioritization places work on the entrance before Sequassen Avenue.

W. Webster stated that anyone who is available and has an interest is invited to attend the site walk at 1:00 p.m. on Monday.

**7. New Business.**

J. Barrett stated that NCRS is starting a coastal initiative. She does not currently have more information but will be tracking it and will share what she learns with the Borough.

Judy Preston has been contracted by LPLT to inventory its properties.

**8. Adjournment.**

**On a motion by E. Davis, seconded by J. Gay, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:50 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn M. Ozols, Acting Clerk