

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**MADISON COASTAL RESILIENCY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Sept. 9, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Madison Coastal Resiliency Commission was conducted Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020, at 7 p.m., in a public format, through a Zoom Online Webinar with Public Participation made available through a publicly posted webinar link and password, as well as a call-in telephone number, with a webinar identification number.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairman Henry Maguire and Commissioners Marilyn Shaw, Graham Curtis, Woodie Weiss, Joseph Maco, Robert Sonnischsen, April Allen, Wayne Rigney, Anthony Doina, Walter Welsh, David Clark, and Director of Planning and Economic Development David Anderson.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Timothy Casey, Fred More, Clayton Patterson, William Gladstone, Elaine Stangland, Mary Barneby, and Gregory Makoul.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Selectman Al Goldberg.

---

The regular meeting of the Madison Coastal Resiliency Commission was called to order at approximately 7 p.m. by Chairman Henry Maguire.

**Call meeting to order.** Chairman Henry Maguire called the meeting to order.

**Review and approve memorandum to Board of Selectmen for distribution in advance of the meeting.**

Commissioner Woodie Weiss presented the draft ordinance to the Coastal Resiliency Commission, stating that any changes are highlighted in yellow. Commissioner Weiss stated that over the weekend he found time to go through the draft ordinance, comparing it to the model created by the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), which became adopted, in October 2018, by the state for implementation through the state building code. The DEEP model is mandatory, has been adopted by nearby towns, and is already being utilized by the town of Madison building department. Few changes have been made to the DEEP model, according to Commissioner Weiss. One change made is that DEEP recommends a 10-year look back period, whereas all of the surrounding towns have adopted five years, so Madison's proposed ordinance is recommending the five years, as well, according to Commissioner Weiss. In addition, Madison's draft seeks to clarify when the five-year period begins, so the following language is included, "All improvements, either marked as completed by the town engineer, or active, during the five year period, shall be included." In addition, while the DEEP model has a Base Flood Elevation plus one foot, the Madison draft goes above that to a Base Flood Elevation plus two feet, but only in VE and Coastal AE zones, Commissioner Weiss stated. Most of this has already been implemented, because it was law as of 2018; the town is operating under the DEEP model because it was adopted by the state building office in October 2018, according to Commissioner Weiss. Director of Planning and Economic Development David Anderson proposed phasing in the five-year look back period, but Commissioner Robert Sonnischsen stated that Branford and Guilford adopted the five-year look back, and it became effective when the town ordinance became effective, adding that he favors adopting the five years immediately on acceptance of the ordinance. Discussion centered on the appeal process for residents who may

*Page 1. Madison Coastal Resiliency Commission, Regular Meeting, Sept. 9, 2020*

encounter problems with the five-year period, and it was suggested that the executive committee of the Coastal Resiliency Commission serve as the appeal body, although other options for appeals could be applications for variances. It is expected the draft ordinance will go before the Board of Selectmen with a PowerPoint presentation on Monday, Sept. 14, 2020.

**Commissioner Joseph Maco made the motion to adopt the document as presented; it was seconded by Commissioner Weiss and approved.**

Vote to adopt the document as presented passed, 11-0-1.

IN FAVOR: Chairman Maguire and Commissioners Weiss, Maco, Anderson, Sonnichsen, Welsh, Marilyn Shaw, April Allen, Wayne Rigney, Graham Curtis, and Anthony Doina.

OPPOSED: None.

ABSTAINED: Commissioner David Clark.

### **Review PowerPoint presentation to be presented at Board of Selectmen meeting.**

Commissioner Walter Welsh stated that he hopes to have the PowerPoint presentation ready by Thursday or Friday. Director of Planning and Economic Development David Anderson asked Commissioner Welsh to take another look at the PowerPoint presentation, and if he has any suggested changes, he could send them to Chairman Henry Maguire and Commissioner Woodie Weiss.

### **Discussion of Committee/Subcommittee Progress and Next Steps.**

Commissioner Graham Curtis stated that the matrix has been redistributed to the technical committee for review, with new projects added to it, along with input being sought on the format.

### **General Discussion.**

Director of Planning and Economic Development David Anderson stated that he will get in touch with the Board of Selectmen, in advance of the Monday meeting. In addition, Mr. Anderson stated that he appreciates everyone working on the draft ordinance, and hopefully, at the next Coastal Resiliency Commission meeting, work can center on creating the coastal resiliency plan, which is a little more engaging than working on wording for a proposed ordinance.

### **Adjourn.**

Chairman Maguire adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlene H. Kennedy, clerk