

Duxbury Seawall Committee Minutes – Thursday January 20, 2022

Present: DSWC Members: Alicia Babcock, Steve Callahan, Arthur Haley, Candace Martin, Don Norris, Mary Shiebler.

TOWN CLERK
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DUXBURY, MASS.

1. **Call to Order**-The meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM.
2. **Remote Preamble**-The Zoom Preamble was read by Alicia Babcock
3. **Minutes Approval**-The minutes of 01/13/22 meeting were deferred.
4. **Old Business**

4.1 Easement Update/Plan for Completion Before 2/1 Deadline

Committee noted that we understood Nourishment Grant application was due by end of June and that this included signed easements. Due to "due diligence" in reviewing easements, the Town has set a 02/02/22 deadline for ALL easements to be submitted. Candy created list for us to work from in gathering easements. All ocean front owners will need to be contacted as we are not permitted access to the list of completed easements from the Town. Group reported that majority of owners have been contacted-most are signed or in transit. There was general group discussion, exchange of owner contact information, update of easement statuses. Group will continue to work with owners to gather signed/submitted easements.

4.2 Discussion BOS Presentation

Alicia announced that DSWC presentation was on agenda for Monday BOS meeting. She reviewed presentation and talking points that were planned. These included the Beach Nourishment and easements; FEMA reimbursements; general proposal to hire consultant for grant opportunities as we go forward to secure funding for seawall and nourishment. Alicia noted that Chris Spilman, who secured our FEMA reimbursement, also works with others to secure BRIC Grants. These are proactive FEMA funds to mitigate possible damage. FEMA funding is 75% of project and can go to \$50M. The BRIC can be bundled with State Dam&Seawall funding. Included also at BOS should be request for breakdown of the FEMA reimbursement already secured-where did \$71,000 of the funds go and why not to Seawall project?

Steve Callahan will discuss the impact of seawall damage in the Webster Island area. Then Candy Martin will present Phasing Plan for Seawall replacement. At end of presentation DSWC will request an Article for the wall replacement as a 'shovel ready', permitted project-ready to go. Why are Town officials not supporting replacement? To not address is negligence. The seawall is major failing infrastructure with roads, homes and the Bay and marshes at risk if breach occurs.

After Article request, review of our Charter update request.

5. **Adjournment**-Meeting adjourned at 5:49PM.