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PLANNING BOARD

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MVP EAST BEACH CORRIDOR STUDY MINUTES

Chairman John Bullard called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. with members, Jim Whitin, R. Michael Sullivan, Philip Weinberg, Jeff Bolton, Tony Vivenzio, Town Planner Jim Hartnett, Joseph Famely, and Nasser Brahim from the Woods Hole Group were in attendance.

This was a virtual meeting hosted by Nasser Brahim from Woods Hole Group using GoToMeeting at <https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/17cbd02ec17d696e59f7fb147f45d0e0aed06a64a2eada01c2a049032c6080d3>.

Bullard identified the committee members and stated that the purpose of this evening's meeting is to share the findings from the vulnerability assessment phase of the East Beach Corridor Vulnerability Study, get your feedback, and answer your questions. The vulnerability assessment specifically analyzed how sea level rise and coastal storms are projected to impact developed areas, utility infrastructure, and the road-way over the next 50 years.

Nasser, from Woods Hole Group, presented a PowerPoint slide show to discuss the Vulnerability assessment and the next steps.

Nasser commented 50 people participated in the online survey that was on the Town's website.

Q & A section

Kevin Curt, President of the East Beach Improvement Association, asked if the causeway was taken into account. Curt Bosma was present virtually, he mentioned the causeway was taken into effect.

R. Michael Sullivan shared the screen and presented a historic graph slide representing the shoreline representing 90 years of movement on the causeway. Sullivan noted there was an equilibrium of the East Beach shoreline prior to the construction of the causeway. After the causeway was constructed, the data showed a rapid deterioration of the shoreline. It now appears to have reached a new equilibrium.

David Brown was present virtually and asked if it was cost prohibited and effective with burying the utilities. Nasser mentioned it could be quite expensive.

Nasser mentioned the next steps will include adaptation alternative and what incremental actions that could be taken. He also mentioned the input from 50+ residents that participated in the survey has been very helpful with going forward.

Famely mentioned they will begin a conceptual and adaptation design internally and present them to the Board sometime in November and follow up with a presentation to the committee and a public forum in some time in December.

Respectfully submitted,

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