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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, Brian Valcourt, R. Michael Sullivan, Philp Weinberg, Sean Leach, Jeff Bolton, and Chris Capone. Town Planner Jim Hartnett and Joseph Famely from the Woods Hole Group were in attendance. Member Robert Daylor was absent.

This was a virtual meeting hosted by Jim Hartnett using Google Meets.

Joe Famely from Woods Hole Group gave an update on tasks that have been completed to date and the work that will be done over the next month. Famely presented the Scope Template and noted the following work that will be completed in September including:

The Alternative Solutions Report

- Frequency of Overwash and impassible
- Potential of Breaching
- Preparation for the Public Forum

Bullard described the process to date and stated that Michael Sullivan will make a presentation on the 1844 shoreline mapping.

Sullivan shared the screen and presented a slide show showing the methodology he used to review the location of the shoreline as shown on the 1844 map. Sullivan believes the location previously used for the 1844 shoreline along east beach is in the wrong location, based on his review the location of the shoreline should have been shown further north, closer to the lines shown on mapping the was completed later. This would indicate that the shoreline location had minimal changes until after the causeway was constructed.

Sullivan also noted the increase in cobble along West Beach, Jake McGuigan confirmed this stating that the cobble has moved from the east end of Horseneck westerly to Bakers Beach. Hartnett stated that he has been using the beach since the 70's and the cobbles have been moving westerly at a rapid pace. Horseneck Beach is one of the State's and Town's greatest resources and it has changed significantly over the last 40 years.

Famely asked the committee to schedule a date for the next public participation meeting. Bullard asked the committee if they had any conflicts with October 7th. Tony Vivenzio from the East Beach Association said that seasonal residents begin moving out after labor day and would prefer an early meeting date. Famely stated that he still has work to do before the meeting and would not be ready before the end of September, early October. He also noted that the meeting would be virtual so if residents were out of Town they could still participate. Bullard set the public meeting date for October 7th at 6:00 pm.

Bullard noted that there were some good discussion in the online chat and asked if that could be saved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

James Hartnett, Town Planner