

# Coastal Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts

Hearing Room 3 — Marshfield Town Hall  
2017 February 16

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**COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

- Brent Courchene (Vice Chair)
- Sean Robinson (Clerk)
- Jack Sullivan

**COMMITTEE NOT PRESENT:**

- Thomas Fleming (Chair)

**ALSO PRESENT (in audience):**

- Greg Guimond (Town Planner)
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1. Call to order

Mr. Courchene called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

2. Approval of Clerk's Minutes

Minutes were not reviewed, as they were not prepared ahead of time by the Clerk.

3. Discuss schedule/execution of the Beach Management Plan

Mr. Guimond attended the kickoff meeting with WHG on Wednesday, February 15, which had been delayed to that date due to weather. He reported that other town officials in attendance included Mr. Naff from the Waterways Committee, Mr. Grafton from Conservation, Ms. Castro from Beaches, and Lt. Sullivan from MPD.

Mr. Guimond stated that the plan development process would include three public meetings as in the WHG proposal, but the dates would be changed from the original. The new dates are May 4, July 15, and October 19. These are all Thursdays. A public meeting room at the Ventress Library has been booked. MCTV will broadcast the meetings. It was stated that assorted advertisements for the public meetings would be made.

Mr. Guimond stated that the group decided to have a general population survey instead of a stakeholders group. The Committee members agreed that this was a good idea.

The Committee reviewed a draft of the proposed survey. Small changes to a few questions on the survey were put forth, all of which were regarded by the Committee as improvements. It was indicated that the survey ought to go out in early April so that answers come back before the May 4 public meeting.

There was a small discussion regarding possible changes to beach parking sticker pricing.

There was a small discussion of GIS resources available in Town Hall. Mr. Guimond stated that the GIS resources of the Planning and Assessor's Departments are currently managed by different vendors: Polaris and Patriot, respectively.

No motion or votes on this agenda item.

4. Review draft Sea Level Rise Mitigation Recommendations

Mr. Courchene said that he is continuing to make corrections on a draft of the recommendations. Mr. Robinson said that he is continuing discussions with Mr. Cowie-Haskell.

No motion or votes on this agenda item.

5. Discuss possible funding opportunities for SLR/Resiliency

Mr. Courchene attended a meeting about possible funding opportunities. He stated that the Seaport Economic Council is a group that offers grants (requiring a 20% match) for projects for which Marshfield might be a good candidate, especially in the case of large dollar-figure projects. Mr. Courchene said that he will continue to look into this.

He also stated that the Environmental Business Council, which currently has a focus on resilience, is another potential funding source.

No motion or votes on this agenda item.

6. Adjourn

Mr. Robinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. No further discussion. The Committee voted 3-0 in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Robinson  
Coastal Advisory Committee Clerk