

Town of Seabrook Island
Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
11 February 2019

The Public Safety Committee met Monday, 11 February 2019 beginning shortly after 10:00 am at the conference room at Town Hall. Committee Chair John Gregg was joined by Committee members Ed Maher and Rob Savin. Town Councilman Skip Crane and Town Administrator Joe Cronin also attended the meeting. An agenda for the meeting is attached.

1. Minutes of 14 January Meeting

Minutes of the Committee meeting of 14 January were approved as presented.

2. Disaster Recovery Council January Exercise

Mr. Gregg commented concerning the Disaster Recovery Council training and exercise sessions held 15 and 16 January and based on a winter storm scenario. Issues addressed included: change of OPCODES used by SC EMD and Charleston County EMD to reduce from five to three “conditions”; potential need for temporary shelter within the community for residents and for operators of equipment that could be used to treat/clear roadways within the community; transport of residents with medical needs to receive necessary treatments; prioritization of treating of roads that provide access to Seabrook Island; and potential for loss of transmission line that serves Johns Island. It was noted that the training and exercise sessions were not well attended by the DRC organizations.

3. Disaster Recovery Council Action Items (Volunteer “Sign-up”, Winter Storm Preparedness article and handout)

- a) The Committee was invited to comment to Mr. Gregg concerning the revision of the volunteer “sign-up form” that had been provided by Mr. Crane. The Committee discussed introduction of the Town’s volunteer “sign-up” through a community wide event (for example, Disaster Awareness Day).
- b) Mr. Gregg noted that the Committee had been provided the winter storm preparedness article that had been submitted to TIDELINES for publication. As it had not appeared in TIDELINES since submission, the Committee was invited to review the article and offer suggestions on the expectation that a revised article would be submitted for publication prior to the onset of winter weather later in the year.

4. CEP Proposed 2019 Updates

The Committee began review of the draft revisions of the CEP with reference to a table of recommended revisions compiled from DRC sessions during 2018. to the CEP from Mr. Gregg noted that apart from the change concerning the first meeting The Committee recommended and/or concluded the following:

- a) Resident Return
 - i. any information received by Town Officials concerning a hazard posed by the presence of wild animals following a disaster event should be included in Public Information Statements;
 - ii. the Committee did not support establishing a resident “staging area” and providing transport to and from the “staging area”;
 - iii. Mr. Savin raised the concern that the sewage treatment plant may

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- require inspection and recertification before sewerage service can be restored;
- iv. the Committee discussed whether the CEP needed to address methods for the Town to deal with condemned properties under circumstances that a large number of properties could be damaged beyond repair; challenges posed include delays that might be expected in having abandoned properties demolished; the Committee also considered marking of damaged structures by CERT as part of their participation in damage assessment to identify hazards posed by damaged buildings.

Mr. Gregg asked the Committee to continue to review both the proposed revisions to the CEP and the compilation of "action items" for the on-going effort to update the CEP.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 10:00 am on Monday, 11 March 2019.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at about 11:45 am.

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11 February 2019 at 10:00 am at Town Hall (Conference Room)

AGENDA

1. Minutes from 14 January 2019 meeting
2. Disaster Recovery Council January Exercise
3. Disaster Recovery Council Action Items (Volunteer "Sign-up"; Winter Storm Preparedness Article & Handout)
4. CEP Proposed 2019 Updates (Table from "Improvement Plans" and CEP mark-up)
5. Next Meeting
6. Adjourn