

Town of Seabrook Island
Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2021

The Public Safety Committee (PSC) met Monday, July 12, 2021, and was called to order shortly after 10:00 AM via videoconference. Attending the meeting were Chair Councilman Goldstein. Committee members attending included Frank Farfone, Art Jones, Ed Maher, and Elizabeth Murphy. Town Administrator Joe Cronin also attended. The agenda for the meeting is attached.

Mr. Cronin confirmed that notice of the meeting had been posted and other requirements of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act were satisfied so far as he knew.

1. Approval of minutes

The committee approved the meeting minutes for the June 14, 2021.

2. CEP Updates and Outstanding Items

Two items that remained “incomplete” were information to be placed in Appendix 16 of the CEP. A survey template questionnaire was developed and was sent to PSC members for review and comment. The purpose of the survey was to collect a “data base” of residents that had special skills that may be of use during and emergency.

The committee was clear that the survey needed to make clear that the questionnaire was for an unexpected, sudden emergency that overwhelmed the professional first responders (such as a massive earthquake). The committee was also clear that a hurricane, of any magnitude, does not meet this definition.

Committee members discussed several items regarding the collection of this “data”. This included who would keep the data, who would vet the qualifications of the individual, the line of authority under which the volunteers and whether the Town of Seabrook Island was the appropriate entity appropriate entity.

Consensus was that the appropriate entity, if a data base were assembled, would likely be the CERT. Therefore, it was decided before any further work on the survey or collection of data, CERT would be contacted to get their input.

3. Upcoming DRC Exercise

The next Disaster Recovery Council DRC exercise scheduled for July 23 will be based on a hurricane scenario assuming a Category 4 or 5 event.

The exercise will be live streamed on YouTube. The committee agreed that the Town of Seabrook Island should advertise (via Tidelines) the exercise and encourage residents to view.

4. Inbound Walking Path

Committee agreed that the inbound path should be made safe if it is to remain in service.

Committee also agreed with a recommendation that the path should be limited to pedestrians only. Signage indicating this as well as stating the path is subject to flooding and dangerous conditions should also be considered.

5. Town Administrator - Debris Monitoring Services Contract

Mr. Cronin confirmed that the Town had received two responses for Proposals for Debris Monitoring Services. The current contract is in place and will remain so until a new agreement with a vendor is executed.

Mr. Cronin requested that the PSC review the two Proposals and make a recommendation to Town Council. A special PSC meeting will be held on July 27 at 10 am to review the received Proposal.

Next meeting: Special Meeting July 27, 2021 at 10 am
Regular meeting August 9, 2021 at 10 am

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned shortly before 11:00 am