

Town of Seabrook Island
Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2020

The Public Safety Committee met Monday, August 10, 2020, and was called to order at 10:00 AM via videoconference, Committee Chair Crane presiding. Committee members attending included Frank Farfone, Ed Maher, and Elizabeth Murphy; Art Jones was unable to attend. Town Administrator Joe Cronin also attended. The agenda for the meeting is attached.

The Chair confirmed that all requirements of SC FOIA had been complied with for the meeting and that a quorum was present.

1. Approve minutes from July 13, 2020

Ed Maher made a motion to approve the minutes as presented to the committee. Frank Farfone seconded, and the minutes were approved.

2. Pandemic Update

The Chair commented that COVID-19 statistics are posted regularly on the SCDHEC website for committee to review as the wish.

The Chair also commented about the many efforts on different fronts in the community to make people aware of how serious this situation is—that we are not sure what more we can do. In the end we have to rely on the appropriate actions of the people who live and visit here.

3. Isaias Review

The committee discussed our response to Isaias and agreed that we followed the response plan. Information flow to the community was very good. We all agreed we were once again (as with Dorian in 2019) spared significant storm effects.

4. CEP Updates

Updates to the CEP are later than usual due to the pandemic and extended negotiations with eGroup for the continuing services of Scott Cave (see below under Old Business). The Chair will be in contact with Scott August 14 to set a schedule for the next update.

The committee discussed various scenarios we should consider for our next emergency exercise. Among the suggestions were circumstances that lead to total power and utility service loss (due to our dependence on electronic devices anymore), which could be due to either natural forces (tornado, earthquake, etc.)

or human interference. We also considered hazard mitigation, particularly if we lost the use of the bridge over Haulover Creek at the traffic circle.

5. Other Business

- a. From our July meeting Liz said she had a document from FEMA describing CERT response in a pandemic scenario. The Chair arranged to have that document reproduced and distributed to committee members on July 29.
- b. The Chair reviewed the status of two pending proposals: one from eGroup for continuing consulting services for emergency preparation and response from Scott Cave (which the Town approved) and one from Reveer Engineering for recommendations for safety on the pathway from Town Hall to Freshfields (which Council deferred for later consideration due to current budget constraints).
- c. The committee expressed a desire to have a disaster awareness day in 2021 should conditions at the time allow it.

6. Next Meeting Date (Sept 14, 2020)

Frank Farfone made a motion to adjourn, Liz Murphy seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

MEETING
Public Safety Committee
August 10, 2020
10:00 AM (Virtual Meeting via Zoom)

AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from July 13, 2020 (enclosed)
2. Pandemic Update
3. Isaias Review
4. CEP Updates
5. Other Business
 - a. Distribute FEMA document re CERT
 - b. eGroup contract
 - c. Reveer Engineering proposal
6. Next Meeting Date (Sept 14, 2020)

Adjourn