

Town of Seabrook Island
Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2020

The Public Safety Committee met Monday, March 9, 2020, was called to order shortly after 10:00 AM in the conference room at Town Hall, Committee Chair Crane presiding. Committee members attending included Frank Farfone, Elizabeth Murphy, and Art Jones. Town Administrator Joe Cronin also attended. Ed Maher joined later. The agenda for the meeting is attached.

The Chair confirmed that all requirements of SC FOIA had been complied with for the meeting.

1. Approval of minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the Committee meeting of February 10, 2020, were approved as presented without objection.

2. Website Update

Town Administrator Cronin stepped the committee through a presentation of the website content for Emergency Preparedness that reflects results of the input from committee members about the "location" of the content as part of a tab under "Services". The committee agreed the changes were an improvement.

3. CEP Update

The Chair is collecting items for updates representing changes previously discussed at committee meetings. Updates were distributed to the DRC in January, and nothing has been received from DRC members. The Chair will distribute updates to the committee for review BEFORE the next meeting.

4. DRC Plans

The Chair reported that Council is looking into participating in the May 27 exercise with Charleston EMD using an earthquake scenario. The benefit to Council in participating would be to practice coordinating communications and resources during much more difficult scenario than we have faced to date. We are also looking into a joint DRC exercise with Kiawah using our debris contractors (monitoring and clean up). The idea for such a plan was presented to Kiawah representatives on March 5, and they are open to the idea. No further action has been taken on this item as of the March 10 committee meeting.

5. Disaster Awareness Day Plans

The Chair reviewed on the March 5 meeting with Kiawah representatives for plans for the annual Disaster Awareness Day even to be held on June 11 at the Kiawah Conference Center. A preliminary agenda was discussed at that meeting. Town Administrator Cronin and Kiawah Communications Manager will be responsible for the agenda and will arrange for the next meeting.

6. Other Business

The Chair reported on miscellaneous items including:

1) Coronavirus inquiry

The Chair reviewed a note sent to Charleston County EMD on March 1 about the planned response to the Coronavirus / COVID 19 situation. The Chair also reported on the gist of the Tri-county conference conducted by CHS EMD on March 6.

2) Town Administrator Cronin gave the committee an update on the Bike Path/Walkway repairs. It was noted that people are still using the pathway despite the posted signs.

3) FEMA Note

The Chair reviewed a note received from FEMA confirming the substance of a phone call between the Chair and a FEMA representative from Region IV Public Assistance office, Kirk Brown. This item was discussed as information only, no immediate action required. It was suggested that we invite Mr. Brown to our Disaster Awareness Day event; a subsequent invitation has been accepted.

4) Ordinance Updates

The Chair reported on the status of two ordinances related to Public Safety issues: 2020-05 (e-bikes) had first reading at Feb Council
2020-02 (firearms amendment) passed following second reading at Feb Council

7. CERT Report

Liz Murphy gave a report on new members [of] CERT and additional CPR training. She also gave a very comprehensive report on the status of the supplies in the CERT trailer. It is noted that many of these supplies must be replaced due to obsolescence, expiration, or aging largely brought on by having to park the trailer in an uncovered area (exposure to sun and heat). Liz will be preparing a complete list of the supplies for replacement and an estimated cost for review by Council.

8. Next Meeting Date: April 13, 2020 (10 AM)

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at about 12:09 PM.

MEETING
Public Safety Committee
March 9, 2020
10:00 AM at Town Hall (Conference Room)

AGENDA

Items for review and discussion

1. Approve minutes from previous meeting
2. Web site review
3. CEP Update
4. DRC Plans
5. DAD Review (March 5 meeting with Kiawah)
6. Coronavirus inquiry
7. Bike Path/Walkway status
8. FEMA Note
9. Ordinance Updates

Next Meeting Date: April 13, 2020

Adjourn