

Town of Seabrook Island
Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
21 October 2019

The Public Safety Committee met Monday, 21 October 2019 beginning shortly after 10:00 am at the conference room at Town Hall. Committee Chair John Gregg was joined by Committee members Frank Farfone, Ed Maher, Elizabeth Murphy, and Rob Savin. Town Councilman Skip Crane, Town Administrator Joe Cronin and Bohicket Marina representative Sharon Welch also attended the meeting. An agenda for the meeting is attached.

1. Minutes of 19 August Meeting

Minutes of the Committee meeting of 19 August were approved as presented.

2. New Committee Members

Mr. Gregg introduced the new members of the Committee and reported that Rob Savin had declared that, owing to a personal matter, he was withdrawing from the Committee.

3. Task Force Update

To allow Ms. Welch to engage in the discussion of the Disaster Recovery Council Task Force agenda item without delay, Mr. Gregg elected to change the order of business from that of the agenda. Mr. Gregg directed attention to the Task Force Roster that had been distributed to Committee members, noting that Ron Welch should be substituted for Pat Welch on the Roster and asked that Ms. Murphy serve as the representative for CERT for the meeting. He then provided a brief summary of the origins of the Task Force and, with reference to the Committee's memorandum from December of 2018, directed attention to the challenges presented by potential isolation of the community following a disaster event for which there is no warning and for which outside help may be delayed by several days. The Committee discussed the priorities of life saving actions, mass care, shelter for mass care and access to facilities and emergency response resources and supplies. As pointed out in the memorandum, it is to be expected that non-resident staff with emergency response roles may not be available to perform. The purpose of the Task Force is to focus attention of DRC member organizations on the need to ensure that access to needed facilities and resources is not prohibited by absence of those people and to inform the Town of the persons to be contacted as representing the organizations for purposes of the Town's leadership of response to a disaster event. Ms. Welch indicated that the Marina was considering use of a lockbox for keys that would be needed and suggested that other organizations may benefit from a similar arrangement. With that overview of the Task Force, Mr. Gregg thanked Ms. Welch for her attendance and affirmed that she need not stay for the rest of the meeting. Ms. Welch then departed.

4. Memorandum of Understanding (Town and SIPOA)

Mr. Gregg stated that this item on the agenda was only to confirm that the Memorandum of Understanding that had been reviewed and revised by the Committee had been signed by both the Town and SIPOA (the signed version having been distributed to Committee members in advance of the meeting).

5. LSV Fire Update

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Mr. Gregg reported that the most recent development in connection with the July 2019 Low Speed Vehicle (“LSV”) fire at a residence on Seabrook Island Road was demonstration of alternative gas-powered vehicles to members of SIPOA’s Safety and Security Committee by the vehicle rental vendor. It was noted that the vendor provides the gas-powered vehicles on Kiawah.

6. Tulane Emergency Preparedness Guide

Mr. Gregg referred the committee to the publication of Tulane University entitled “Southeastern Emergency Preparedness Resources and Hotlines” received from a representative of the “Hunger to Hope” nonprofit organization. The publication was offered for possible posting to the Town’s website. Having realized that the Committee had developed revisions for the Emergency Preparedness pages of the Town’s website in 2016, Mr. Gregg had distributed the content for those pages so that Committee members could consider which, if any, links from that content as well as links from the Tulane Guide, should be posted to those pages of the Town’s website. Members of the Committee were asked to consider both with the understanding that links from the 2016 content may not all be functioning.

7. After Action Review (Hurricane Dorian)

Mr. Gregg directed attention of members of the Committee to the After Action Review report noting the “Improvement Plan of the second and third pages of that report. Mr. Gregg offered comments regarding selected items of the Improvement Plan and noted that the Committee would be involved in items pertaining to changes to the Town’s Comprehensive Emergency Plan and encouraged continued engagement of the Committee with the DRC Task Force.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 am on Tuesday, 12 November 2019.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at about 11:55 am.

MEETING

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21 October 2019 at 10:00 am at Town Hall (Conference Room)

AGENDA

1. Minutes from 19 August 2019 meeting
2. New Committee Members
3. TOSI-SIPOA Memorandum of Understanding
4. Tulane Emergency Preparedness Guide
5. LSV Fire Update
6. Task Force Update
7. DRC After Action Report
8. Next Meeting
9. Adjourn