

Salisbury Meeting Summary/Action Plan Update – Friday, January 26, 2024

Today's meeting was attended by Senator Bruce Tarr, Representative Dawne Shand, DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo, DCR Deputy Commissioner Zach Crowley, DCR official Darryl Forgione, Undersecretary of Environment EEA Stephanie Cooper, Peter Mulcahy EEA, Johannes Buchanan EEA, Salisbury Town Manager Neil Harrington, Salisbury Selectmen Chuck Takesian and Mike Colburn, Salisbury Conservation Agent Adriane Marchand, Tom Hughes, coastal environmental consultant for the Town of Salisbury, and Valerie Coolidge, Director of Special Projects for Senator Tarr.

Action plan updates are as follows:

Action Item 1 - expedited process for private property owners to take emergency actions to protect dunes and structures. Update items:

1. Town and state regulatory agencies coordinating with contractor to ensure contractor can begin work when ready.
2. Salisbury Conservation Commission and Tom Hughes receiving and processing applications for emergency certifications and regulatory approvals and will be submitting them forthwith.

Action Item 2 – Beach remedial plan for survey and analysis - Develop and implement a comprehensive plan for short - term dune and coastline rebuilding. Update items:

1. The plan survey work necessary to inform decisions about project scope options and costs is being finalized.

The necessary survey work will be performed by MassDOT, using a LIDAR capable drone, on behalf of DCR. Tom Hughes will coordinate with DCR to ensure that the survey work is complete and provides the necessary levels of detail and accuracy to inform the decisions that will need to be made as to project scope and cost.

This effort is still on track for drone and other survey work to begin by Wednesday, January 31 and completed in a few days. Data analysis will then be coordinated, and plan will be made depending on data.

Additional actions – Access points affected by recent storms are being addressed. Access 8 will be repaired, including the addition of sand to support the repaired structure. Access structures 9 and 10 are currently being removed and sand will be added at a 3-1 slope to enable continued access. These two access points will be blocked until that action is completed.

A smaller group will reconvene on Monday, Jan. 29th, via Zoom to address local issues.

Thanks to all who are working intensively to respond to the emergency presented by the current conditions on the beach.