Process & Timing of Next Steps on Cold Storage & Factory Roads

1. Following the public meeting, the Resilience Committee has requested an additional option from the engineers for Factory Road (which would require raising the road only marginally, moving it eastward/away from the water within the town's right-of-way, and fortifying the shoreline.)

2. The Resilience Committee hopes to review the updated options and vote on which recommendations it will bring to the Select Board at its meeting on August 4.

3. September or thereafter the Select Board will hold a special Select Board meeting at which the only agenda item will be to discuss the options for Cold Storage Road and Factory Road. Scientists will provide the basis for the sea-level rise and storm surge projections on which the State of Maine and Army Corps of Engineers rely.

   Data presented to the Select Board will include an estimation of the frequency and cost of damage expected to these roads in 2030, 2040, and 2050 to help us decide when the cost of fixing-as-we-go versus a long-term fix is reached and warranted. (Engineers, staff, and resilience committee will work together to prepare these estimates.)

   As always, the public will be welcome to attend to observe the process and provide public comment, although the Select Board may set a time limit for public comment.

   The Select Board is concerned about the cost and impact on abutting property owners and will discuss and decide how we will deal with the cost to abutters. (We have asked consultants to provide us with guidance regarding how other communities have handled this and whether grant funding can help cover costs incurred by private property owners.)

   Once the Select Board has had an opportunity to consider the options and costs of action versus inaction, the Select Board will vote on specific measures for each road. The Select Board's decisions about these 2 roads will take into account the other town roads identified as vulnerable to sea-level rise & increased storm surge & which roads are the highest priority for our economy or choke points.

   Our contract with Sebago has the decision and preliminary engineering completed by November; we will extend this deadline if necessary.

4. Once the Select Board has identified the best option for each road, decisions will need to be made regarding finding funding to take the actions selected. It is understood that costs & budgetary considerations may warrant re-visiting decisions made now.