Town of Saint George

Resilience Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 4, 2026: 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Present: Susy Ellis, Brandon Lepannen, Wendy Carr, Tim Polky, Erin Dent, Carl Danielson, Sarah Oktay, Gary Plante, Ingrid Mroz, Jennifer O'Donnell, Willow Whelan

Minutes

From September 3, 2025 and December 3, 2026

Motion made to approve by Tim Polky, seconded by Gary Plante

All in favor, approved.

Forward for uploading.

Carl asked whether Brandon has found information of any surveys of the town right of ways.

Comprehensive Plan

Susy has summarized the Resilience Committee Sections of the Comprehensive Plan (Attached: Comprehensive Plan: Resilience Committee). The committee is responsible for (total of 25 goals). Susy has focused on the first 9 goals the committee is responsible for and 11 goals where the committee has a consultant role.

#4 and #7 are short term goals. Developing a climate action plan is a short term goal. Ensure effective communications and community engagement to identify & advance shared goals.

The climate action plan will address a number of goals the committee has responsibility for. The Community Resilience Plan vulnerability assessments address 6 goals. Another goal is to hire a planner: check.

The committee will continue to reference the goals in the coming months.

Community Resilience Plan Public Meetings

There are public meetings scheduled to share the vulnerability assessments in South Thomaston on March 30 at the Gilford Butler Center @ 5:30PM and in St. George on March 31 at the Jackson Memorial Library @ 5:30PM in person and via Zoom. Please try to attend. The vulnerability assessments will be used to develop action plans for the Community Resilience Grant.

Factory Road Alternatives

The committee reviewed the first draft of the proposal page by page and discussed points to be clarified, suggestions for changes, and any follow-up.

Discussions of note:

Land Acquisition

Do we want any alternatives that include land acquisition?

Concerns raised about land acquisition

Brandon is wary of any alternative that requires land acquisition

Cost

Precedent

Is factory road critical?

Needs to be done only where it is critical

Will get opposition to resilience efforts

Other:

Any raising of a road may require road widening due to State requirements

The property owners on Factory Road do own the property between the road and the water.

What is Sebago thinking about the property on the water side of Factory Road?

Traffic Study

The question was raised, should a traffic study be conducted? After discussion, the decision was we would not pursue a traffic study at this time.

Summary of Options

Option #1: Do nothing

Option #2: One way road; raise road

Option #3: Raise entire road

Option #4: Dead end and turn arounds and 8 foot raised path

Cold Storage Road Alternatives

Brandon will look for Cold Storage Road survey to look at property boundaries around the gate.

Summary of Options

Option #1 Do nothing

Option #2: Raise northern portion of the road

Option #3: Raise southern portion of the road

Option #4: Raise entire road

Plans

Difficult to review plan details without printing in a larger format. Susy and Carl will meet via Zoom with Aaron to review the plans.

Factory Road Alternative Matrix

Helpful

Place the matrix for each road at the end of each section.

Add more detail to the options column and add a column to specify adverse effects (i.e. requires land acquisition).

Public Presentation Ideas

Start with what the risk is if we do nothing.

- Cost
- Maps of what the properties are predicted to look like r/t water inundation
- There is money available now, over time there may be less

Sebago presentation

Resilience Committee presents distillation of options highlighting the positive and negative aspects of each option. The exact approach has not been decided.

Have proposal available for review prior to the presentation.

Leave open for comment a period of time (TBD)

Next Steps/Follow-up

Brandon will follow-up on town right of ways next week.

Susy will send edits and questions to Aaron.

Susy and Carl will review plans with Aaron prior to the next Resilience Committee meeting.

Susy will invite Sebago to join the next Resilience Committee Meeting on April 1 to discuss the updated proposal, plans, any remaining questions, and plans for community engagement.

Next Meeting: April 1, 2026

4PM

Downstairs meeting room

Motion to made to adjourn by Gary Plante seconded by Tim Polky