Town of Saint George

Resilience Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 6, 2026

Present: Susy Ellis, Tim Polky, Jason Ludwig, Erin Dent, Sarah Oktay, Ingrid Mroz, Jennifer O'Donnell

Minutes

Deferred until June meeting. We do not have the correct members for a quorum for either set of minutes.

Thank You Wendy

Susy and the Resilience Committee member appreciate Wendy's significant support of the Resilience Committee and the Resilience Committee grant workgroups. Wendy was present at more meetings than any other member of the Resilience Committee. We will miss Wendy very much! We will have a new liaison.

Drift Inn Road

Drift Inn Road was originally being worked on by the Select Board. That work fell through and they have asked the Resilience Committee to assume responsibility for addressing the resilience plan for Drift Inn Road.

Priority List of St. George at Risk Roads

The Select Boad asked the Resilience Committee to review the current priority list of at-risk roads from April 5, 2025 and post the roads in order of priority.

Sebago assessed the roads to have similar levels of threat. Safety and cost were among the considerations the Resilience Committee used to determine the priority list.

The list started with:

Cold Storage

Factory Road

Marshall Point Road

Turkey Cove Road

Rackliff Island Causeway

Harrington Cove Road/Cline Road

Horse Point Road

After discussion where the committee took safety, dangers including homes being cut off, access by alternative routes and cost into account, the committee determined the priority list of enhancing resilience and repair to be:

Cold Storage/Factory Roads

Horse Point Road

Marshall Point Road

Harrington Cove Road/Cline Road

Drift Inn Road

Rackliff Island Causeway

Many factors which include but are not limited to safety, cost and relative ease of project, will determine which roads actually are worked on in what order. Safety should be a primary consideration. Money should not be the deciding factor.

We can review the list at any time in the future.

Route 131 is a critical access road with known risks, but it is a state-controlled road relative to repair and remediation. We need Maine DOT to recognize how critical of an access road 131 is.

After getting Select Board approval of the list, Susy will send the priority list to Bill Batty to post on the Resilience Committee page on the Town Website with an announcement once posted. With a note to please refer to the new mapping tool once it is available.

Cold Storage/Factory Road

Public Meeting

A public meeting presenting Sebago's Cold Storage and Factory Road alternatives will be on June 25, 2026 from 5:30 – 7:30 upstairs at the Town Office. Brandon will find money for the food for the meeting.

The format will be:

- Presentation of the three options for each road and plus do nothing by Sebago
- Input from participants

The Resilience Committee has not made and will not make a recommendation at the public meeting. The Resilience Committee will gather input from the meeting, review the public input, and then make a recommendation to the Select Board.

Advertising of the Public Meeting

Bill sent a Save the Date. Susy will email Zoom participants from previous Cold Storage and Factory Road public meetings, and develop a press release for the Midcoast Villager and Pen Bay Pilot. Bina sent a graphic announcement we can use.

Susy will ask Bill Batty to send emails via the appropriate town email lists.

Sarah will post on Herring Gut's website.

There will be flyers on a table on Town Election Day.

There will be additional postings on the St. George Message Board, St. George Facebook page, Community Calander, School Newsletter, CDC Newsletter, and Town Website and Resilience Committee pages.

Susy will bring posters on June 3 for committee members to take and distribute throughout town.

Open Space Survey

Erin encourages committee members to complete the Open Space Survey that has been launched. Paper copies of the survey are available at the Town Office. The survey will be available on the Town Website soon.

Next Meeting: June 3, 2026

5PM

Location TBD