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COASTAL SUBGROUP MEETING

December 17, 2021, Meeting Minutes

10:00 a.m.

This was a virtual Microsoft Teams meeting.

Roll Call:

BBRS Richard Crowley, Group Chair	✓ present 0 absent	PJM David Macartney	0 present ✓ absent
CZM Lisa Berry Engler	✓ present 0 absent	Steve Mague	0 present ✓ absent
CZM Rebecca Haney	✓ present 0 absent	AIA Andrew Kollar	✓ present 0 absent
DCR Joy Duperault	✓ present 0 absent	SEMBOA Mike Clancy	0 present ✓ absent
DCR Eric Carlson	✓ present 0 absent	NAIOP Katie T. Moniz	0 present ✓ absent
DEP Lealdon Langley	✓ present 0 absent	NAIOP Jamie M. Fay	✓ present 0 absent
HBRA John Bologna*	✓ present 0 absent	ISD Jim Kennedy	✓ present 0 absent

Chairman Crowley opened the meeting @ approximately 10:04 a.m. by taking roll call.

* John Bologna joined this meeting about 10:56 a.m.

General notes on format of these minutes

- *These minutes represent general points discussed during the meeting. The minutes are not intended to be a verbatim account of discussions.*
- *Agenda topics as numbered may not be in the same order as they appear on the meeting agenda.*
- *The meeting agenda is listed as **EXHIBIT A**; others are listed sequentially as addresses during the meeting.*

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1. **Vote/Discuss Draft Meeting Minutes.** On a **MOTION** by Jamie Fay, seconded by Lealdon Langley, it was a unanimous **VOTE** by **ROLL CALL** to approve the November 16, 2021, meeting minutes as submitted (**EXHIBIT B**).
 2. **Review** Coastal A Zone BLENDED Findings_Final Draft 12_08_2021 (**EXHIBIT C**). Dan Walsh explained edits offered by Lealdon Langley are identified red font and yellow highlight in the document. Some expressed interest in proving additional edits. Chairman Crowley tabled the agenda item and directed members to send to staff their non-substantive changes.
 3. **Discuss/Vote** review of the 2021 International Building Code. The group continued reviewing Chapter 2(**EXHIBIT C**) Mass Amendments beginning with Design Flood. The consensus is to keep Mass Amendment Design Flood Elevation. Jamie Fay asked about the meaning of the community's legally designated flood hazard map. Eric Carlson explained he believes the language applies to communities that adopt a flood hazard map that differs from the map published by FEMA.



Next the group consensus is to recommend that the 10th edition include the Substantial Repair of a Foundation Mass Amendment. The group did not take any other action on a recommendation on Chapter 2.

Next the group reviewed Section 1603 (**EXHIBIT D**). The group consensus is to recommend the 10th edition not include Mass Amendment Section 1603.1.7.

Next the group reviewed Section 1612. The consensus is to recommend Mass. Amendments 1612.1, and 1612.3. In Section 1612.4 Design and Construction strike “delete all references to coastal A zone standards”. It was also agreed to revisit this section.

Next the group reviewed Section 1805.4.2 and agreed to keep the Mass Amendment exception. Also reviewed Section 1805.1.2.1 everyone agreed to strike the exception, which is a Mass Amendment.

Next the group reviewed the IBC 2021 Appendix G version that has proposed Mass amendments offered by Joy Duperrault identified in red font (**EXHIBIT E**). Joy Duperrault advocated for adoption with some new amendment. Concerns with the proposed amendments were expressed. A lengthy discussion ensued about Chapter 1 provides the building officials with the authority to enforce the building code, however the code does not take away authority granted to a local floodplain administrator that get their authority from the General Law. Jamie Fay spoke about his experiences with the current systems works fine. Joy Duperrault spoke about changing her position to adopt Appendix G because without amending it, the 2021 appears to require a community make a building official the floodplain administer.

Next, Eric Carlson explained his proposals to add a Pile Caps definition and add grade beams or slabs to Section G301.4. Some expressed concerns that the definition complicates design arranging pile caps in clusters. John Bologna talked about RDPs can create designs with pile caps utilizing cluster formations that allow dune migration. Lealdon Langley talked about the proposal's intent to get consistency with the Wetland Protection Act.

4. **Adjourn.** On a **MOTION** by, Andrew Kollar, seconded by John Bologna, it was unanimously **VOTED** by **ROLL CALL** to adjourn the meeting @ approximately 12:30 p.m.

Exhibits

- A. Meeting agenda.
- B. Meeting minutes, November 16, 2021
- C. Coastal A Zone BLENDED Findings_Final Draft 12_08_2021.
- D. 2021 IBC Section 1603_ Flood Design Data Watermark 06-17-2021.
- E. APPENDIX G Working DRAFT 12 17 2021 IBC 2021 suggested amendments Joy Duperrault.