February 29, 2020 Sea level Rise/Floodplain Workshop Notes

- Existing sea level rise maps and information should be made widely available to the Town residents.
- Identifying existing and future roadway flooding including culverts is important.
- Private road flooding also needs to be considered but will be the responsibility of impacted landowners.
- Improvements to public infrastructure to mitigate flooding should be incorporated into a capital improvements plan.
- Future flood mitigation projects should be prioritized based upon criteria developed by the community.
- The community will need to select a benchmark for future flood mitigation projects.
- Should the town consider exceeding the State Floodplain management requirements.
- What actions should be taken to monitor changes in sea levels in order to determine what infrastructure improvements need to be planned.
- Grant funding possibilities should be explored.
- The Maine Department of Transportation should be included in the Town's overall flood mitigation planning.
- Local data including photo's and recording flood elevations should be tabulated to determine the status of sea level impacts.
- Flood Damage assessment should be formally recorded to access FEMA funding.
- Local repair and maintenance to flood prone areas should be documented to determine cost benefit ratios for future grant funding
- Emergency management plans should be revised as necessary especially with respect to protecting vulnerable populations.
- Future mitigation plans should reflect the capacity of the municipality.
- Significant historic. scenic, and cultural areas/structures need to be addressed.
- Impacts on the marine and fishing communities need to be considered.
- Can the community diversify its economy to mitigate long term possible impacts to traditional industries?