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2 Present: Ronald Ledgett, Member; John Perry, Member; Drew Fitch, Member; Steve
3 Bellantone, Member; Russell White, Member; Karen Kalmar, Vice Chair; and Dutch
4 Dunkelberger, Chair

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6 Absent: None

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8 Staff: Adam Causey, Director of Planning

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10 Advisory: Earledean Wells, Conservation Commission; Clayton Smith, Conservation
11 Commission

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13 Project Representatives: Nicholas Mercier, property owner; Erik Saari, agent; Victoria
14 Martel, agent

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16 Abutters: None

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18 Chair Dunkelberger opened the meeting and explained the process for the site walk.

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20 Erik Saari introduced the project, explaining that the new house was already approved
21 by the Planning Board and the project now is a proposed seawall rebuild. Owner
22 Nicholas Mercier stated that tides over nine feet overtop the existing wall, and the
23 proposed wall will be built taller with a new gangway to the existing dock.

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25 Victoria Martel explained that native shrubs would be planted at the top of the wall, with
26 salt tolerant plantings on any disturbed area. The modular wall will be topped with earth
27 and the plantings will go to the edge, so there is no hard surface at the top of the wall.

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29 Ron Ledgett asked how much flat space will be created with the new wall and backfill.
30 Erik Saari stated that there will be approximately 8 to 10 feet of horizontal area covered
31 with plantings and bushes and not intended to be a lawn.

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33 Karen Kalmar asked about the height of new plantings, noting that new plantings should
34 not be topped as the existing are. Victoria Martel said the existing juniper bushes will be
35 replaced with new juniper that will grow to 15 to 20 feet at maturity, and that invasives
36 will be removed.

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38 Karen Kalmar asked if there would be a barricade or fence on top of the wall. Owner
39 Nicholas Mercier said there would be some fencing for safety.

40 Ron asked why a revetment or riprap solution was not sought, or plan a smaller wall
41 with riprap. Erik Saari said they are planning a wall because the wall extends across
42 property lines to the abutters, noting that the new wall would be made of salt tolerant
43 concrete. The applicant believes that adding plantings would be better than riprap.

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45 John Perry asked the new wall would meet up with the abutters' wall. Erik Saari replied
46 that the slope will match the existing walls at the property lines.

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48 **Steve Bellantone moved to adjourn. Seconded by Russell White. The motion**
49 **passed 7-0-0.**

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51 The Kittery Planning Board meeting of June 6, 2022 adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

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53 Submitted by Adam Causey, Planning & Development Director on July 14, 2022.

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55 Disclaimer: The following minutes constitute the author's understanding of the meeting.
56 Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information, the
57 minutes are not intended as a verbatim transcript of comments at the meeting, but a
58 summary of the discussion and actions that took place.