



FROM TOWN HALL

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Did you happen to notice that we have not had a high tide flooding event at the entrance to the Marina with the 7.2 high tides of October 10 and 11? Don't get too excited yet as we are just about half way with the improvements. So far the Marina has completed the repaving of the entrance

road and the Town has installed new 36 inch concrete piping, replaced two flood control valves and started lining the existing piping with CIP (cure in place) liners. In addition a change order is in process to contract TRIAD to add three additional flood control valves recently approved by OCRM. They also will be cleaning the drainage easements across adjacent properties. Completion has been moved to the end of January 2019.

I want to stress that these improvements are aimed at limiting flooding of Seabrook Island Road from the Town Hall to the traffic circle when tide levels are approximately 7.5 feet without

any additional rainwater. Any additional heavy rainwater that falls after the floodgate is closed by the rising tide may cause flooding as the storm water piping fills up and overflows with rainwater until the flow control valve is again opened as the tide level falls. Just remember if you are driving in a heavy rain during a high tide above 7 feet be aware of potential flooding.

The Town has hired ESP Associates, a large firm with extensive experience in planning, engineering, landscaping architecture, and transportation projects, to assist with development of a Conceptual Master Plan for future entrances and exits for adjacent parcels

of land. The intent of the plan is to identify future opportunities and constraints that may inhibit or deter the overall look and feel of Seabrook Island Road. As the entry road is very important to the initial experience for Seabrook Island, the access points will be studied to determine options for development. The intent is not to design the adjacent parcels, but only to determine the best access and public street side uses. ESP may be contacted in the future to assist with other elements in the Seabrook Island Road Improvement Program such as signage, landscaping, and ponding of rainwater on the road.▲



Top of tide gate at high tide October 11



Marina road entrance at high tide October 11