



AGENDA

Newtok Planning Group Yearly Meeting

Friday, March 21, 2025 / 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85748033746?pwd=SooZMHSbOofyacOI4ZltHKgmRnpws.1>

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- I. **Blessing** (1:30 pm/5 min)
- II. **Welcome/Review of Agenda** (1:35 pm/5 min)
- III. **Introductions** (1:40 pm/20 min)
- IV. **Community Update:** Calvin Tom, Newtok Tribal Administrator (2:00 pm/15 minutes)
Bernice John, Newtok Native Corporation (2:15 pm/5 minutes)
- V. **Agency Project Updates + Critical Issues Discussion** (2:20/1 hour, 45 minutes)
Critical Issues Discussion: Tracy McKeon, PE, NVC Project Manager (2:20 p.m. /25 minutes)
 - A. **Grant Funding**
 1. **Pause Impacts**
 2. **Power / Generator Distribution**
 3. **Housing Updates**
 4. **Newtok Decommissioning**
 - B. **FEMA to Tribe Direct Awards from Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program:** (2:45 p.m. /10 minutes)
 1. **2020 Resilient Water Systems**
 2. **2020 Resilient Home Mitigation**
 3. **2021 Resilient Power Distribution Mitigation Newtok to Mertarvik Relocation**
 4. **2021 Resilient Washeteria Mitigation Newtok to Mertarvik Relocation**
 5. **2021 Resilient Home Mitigation Newtok to Mertarvik Relocation**
 - C. **Newtok and Mertarvik Schools:** Daniel Maczynski, Project Manager, Lower Kuskokwim School District (2:55 p.m./15 minutes)
 1. **School Demolition Update**
 2. **Mertarvik School Schedule**
 3. **School construction impact on existing infrastructure**
 4. **Critical issues and solutions moving forward**

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- D. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program 36-Home Acquisition Project:** Garrett Brooks, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (3:10 p.m./ 10 minutes)
 - 1. Project scope, schedule**
- E. Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) Updates:** (3:20 p.m./ 10 minutes)
 - a. Water/Sewer Distribution System**
 - b. Mertarvik Landfill**
- F. Denali Commission:** Liz Mack, Denali Commission Updates (3:30 p.m. / 5 minutes)
- G. YKHC Mertarvik Clinic Update:** Russel Pollack, YKHC (3:35 p.m./ 5 minutes)
- H. Mertarvik and Newtok Airports:** Ben White or Erica Kostelecky, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (3:40 p.m./ 10 minutes)
 - c. Future of Newtok Airport**
- F. Housing:** Group discussion (3:50 p.m./10 minutes)
 - 1. Funding Pause -No plans for construction season 2025.**
 - Transitional to Permanent Housing Design
 - 2. Housing pads**
 - 3. Critical issues and solutions moving forward (group discussion)**
- G. Voluntary Community-Driven Relocation Demonstration Project Updates:**
 - 1. Jennifer Robinette, Bureau of Indian Affairs (4:05 p.m. /5 minutes)**
- H. Updates from Environmental Protection Agency (4:10 p.m. /5 minutes)**
 - I. Other Agency Updates (4:15 p.m. /5 minutes)**
 - 1. Fairbanks Diocese – Church Construction Update**
 - 2. Yukon Accounting – Stefani Dalrymple, 5 minutes**
- VI. Recap of Critical Issues Moving Forward (4:20 p.m./10 minutes)**
- VII. Adjourn (4:30 p.m.)**

About the Newtok Planning Group

The Newtok Planning Group (NPG) was organized in May 2006 when members of Newtok’s tribal council requested assistance from the State of Alaska with the village relocation effort. Representatives from state and federal agencies and non-governmental organizations began meeting regularly with Newtok’s tribal leadership to coordinate assistance for the relocation of the community to a new village site, Mertarvik, on Nelson Island. The unique partnership of the NPG has worked with Newtok since the first relocation planning and early infrastructure development, collaborating to provide advice, support, and critical problem-solving for Newtok’s relocation to Mertarvik.