

Charlestown Climate Resiliency Commission

7/10/25 Regular Meeting



1. **Call to order:** 5:00 pm (D. Prescott)
2. **Roll Call:** S. Racine, D. Prescott, M. Viola, S. Frattini, C. Beasley,
3. **Approval of May Minutes:** Motion to approve 6/12/25 meeting minutes by M. Viola, 2nd by S. Frattini, approved by all.
4. **Wildfire Safety Discussion:** Guests in attendance: Megan Cotter (State Rep.), Tina Spears (State Rep.), Pat McMeekin (DEM Wildland Fire Supervisor), Don Rathbun (Charlestown Fire Chief), Jason McNamee (DEM Deputy Director for Natural Resources), CJ Paliotta (DEM Superintendent, Parks and Recreation Headquarters), Stephen McCandless (Charlestown GIS). The discussion was focused on access for firefighters to wooded areas in town, maintenance of fire roads and replacing boulder barriers at trail heads with swinging gates. A draft forestry plan for the Town, written by Pat McMeekin and Stephen McCandless was, was disseminated and should be developed further by the Town and DEM. Rep Cotter brought up Federal funding opportunities for private land owners to develop forestry plans for their land.
5. **Public Communications:** D. Carney mentions that the town volunteer picnic is scheduled for September 27th. D. Carney set a date for a meeting between the Town and Cal Lewis, DEM Costal Coordinator of July 18th 10:00-11:30. There will be a fall beach cleanup October 18th.
6. **Dune Signage:** D. Carney CRMC has approved two dune sign locations at the town beach, and the signs have been installed.
7. **Outreach Opportunities:** D. Carney to post CCRC openings on the town's Instagram account. D. Carney to post future information from the council to Instagram.
8. **Upcoming August Meeting Agenda:** State resilience discussion, Wildfire follow up.
9. **Commissioner Updates:** S. Racine discussed upcoming compost presentation and reaching out to the Conservation Commission and the Agricultural Preservation Commission for input to potential October meeting presentation.
10. **Adjournment:** D. Prescott made a motion to adjourn at 6:50pm. 2nd by S. Racine, approved by all.

Next meeting is Thursday, August 14, 2025

Minutes Recorded by C. Beasley & Submitted Electronically by C. Fox (Secretary)