

Charlestown Climate Resiliency Commission

Minutes 9/11/25 Regular Meeting



1. **Call to order:** 5:07 pm (D. Prescott)
2. **Roll Call:** S. Racine (5:25), D. Prescott, M. Viola, S. Frattini, C. Beasley, C. Fox
3. **Approval of July Minutes:** Tabled until October (not submitted) August meeting canceled due to memorial services for Rippy Serra.
4. **Public Communications:** S. Frattini attended the SPC's Pond Wise meeting and will participate in their committee on behalf of the CCRC.
5. **State Resilience Discussion:** Callum Lewis is the new RIDEM Resilience Officer and has met with S. Racine. One aspect of the new position is to help unite municipalities with funding opportunities.
6. **Wildfire Safety Update:** There are numerous large parcels that are privately owned and are integral to ensuring fire safety in Charlestown. M. Cotter asked that the town work to open lines of communication with these landowners and make them aware of fire safety programs they can participate in, including public assistance to landowners. C. Beasley will follow up with M Cotter on developing a strategy to coordinate state and municipal resources. Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 5-11.
7. **Communication/Outreach:** S. Frattini signed up for Oct 18th International Coastal Cleanup with a local event at the Town Beach. Also notes dune signs were a success at the Town beach and the minor sign damage from tropical storm Erin has been repaired. She would like to move forward with more dune signage at Blue Shutters. She would also like to work toward getting dune plantings approved. Commission consensus was in agreement.
8. **Upcoming October & November Meeting Agenda:** Presentation by RI Water Resource Board's Hector Barreras is scheduled for October. Composting presentations from Earth Care Farm and RI Food Policy Council in November.
9. **Commissioner Updates:** No substantial updates
10. **Adjournment:** S. Racine made a motion to adjourn at 6:56pm. 2nd by D. Prescott, approved by all.

Next meeting is Thursday, October 9th, 2025

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