

Charlestown Climate Resiliency Commission

1/30/25 Regular Meeting



1) **Call to Order:** 5:08pm (*D. Prescott*)

2) **Attendance:** D. Prescott, S. Racine, C. Beasley, M. Viola, S. Frattini, C. Fox

3) **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve 12/12/24 minutes by C. Beasley, 2nd by M. Viola, approved by all.

4) **Public Communications:** D. Prescott received a letter from the Town related to CCRC re-appointment. Note to other members whose term is up to submit the paperwork if they wish to continue serving.

5) **2025 CCRC Climate Topics/ Presenter Schedule:** D Prescott reached out to FEMA to give CCRC a presentation and has yet to receive a response. March meeting will feature Emily Diamond, URI Communications & Marine Affairs professor attending to present to the CCRC on her work in communications and outreach related to climate resiliency. April meeting will bring together CCRC, town staff to brainstorm breachway-specific outreach, education and signage. C. Beasley will work on soliciting a presenter for the May meeting to focus on Wildfire. CCRC is considering a focus on Water Conservation in 2025 (June 2025). C. Fox will reach out to the RI Water Resources Board to give a presentation. Mitigation should be another topic for 2025.

6) **Outreach:** D Prescott reports that the CCRC currently has \$56,200 in spendable funds. We are asking for \$10,000 from the FY25/26 town budget. The Commission should develop a budget outlining how existing and future funds will be spent. D Prescott solicited the commissioner's opinions on how the funds should be spent.
-Breachway informative signage and outreach (guidance from the Town will be needed EG: Staff support vs consultant expense).
-Continuing Fire Safety Signage

S. Frattini has been working with Donna Caster at Chariho who is implementing the CCRC logo design as a class assignment. Donna will work with the students on the submission process. Donna had a question about how the stipend will be paid - S. Frattini sent a note to D. Carney and J. Allen asking for clarification on stipend and need for a waiver.

*1/15/2025 – 1/30/25 Public Announcement Outreach Starting on 1/27 the project is being announced in the daily bulletin for ALL Students. The Graphic & Design Students will have this as an assignment (Feb 3rd)

*2/10/25 – 3/01/25 Submission due to CCRC & Reviewed

*3/02/25 – 3/20/25 Commission and Council review and vote

*3/30/25 Winner Announced

7) **Upcoming February Meeting Agenda:** 2nd public workshop related to Charlestown's Hazard Mitigation Plan update will likely be the focus of February's CCRC meeting.

8) **Commissioner Updates:** (none)

9) **Adjournment:** D. Prescott made a motion to adjourn at 7:05pm, 2nd by C. Fox, approved by all.
Minutes Recorded & Submitted Electronically by C. Fox (Secretary)