

Charlestown Climate Resiliency Commission

05/11/23 Regular Meeting



1) 5:05 Call to Order

2) Roll Call: D. Prescott, C. Drummond, K. Larrabee, C. Beasley, M. Viola, C. Fox, S. Cooper.

3) Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept 03/02/23 minutes by C. Fox, 2nd by C. Drummond, approved by all

4) Public Communications: None in writing or in person.

5) Presentations: Invasive Species Discussion with Special guests

- a. Elizabeth Heron – URI CE Watershed Watch - Climate Change & Water Quality Impacts (substitute for Laura Meyerson who could not attend)
- b. Kate Venturini – URI CE - Invasive Training Program
- c. Art Ganz - Salt Ponds Coalition - Salt Pond Invasives

Outcomes: Investigate Town DPW becoming certified invasive plant management via URI CE

6) MRP/RIIB Funding Request: RFP from Infrastructure Bank has been delayed allowing Charlestown the time needed to thoughtfully respond with a proposal. June CCRC meeting will be focused on this topic.

7) Upcoming June Meeting Agenda: Request by S. Cooper to put updates on Charlestown Beach Rd and MRP/RIIB on the June agenda because the Town Council would like to be apprised of progress.

8) Commissioner Updates: D. Prescott reports RMA Engineering is making good progress on the Charlestown Beach Rd. Cost Benefit Analysis. C. Drummond would like the CCRC to investigate programs to educate homeowners about proper fertilizer, pesticide, and herbicide use.

9) Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by C. Fox, 2nd by C. Drummond, approved by all 6:33pm

Minutes Recorded & Submitted Electronically by C. Fox