

Charlestown Climate Resiliency Commission

01/11/24 Regular Meeting



1) 5:03 Call to Order

2) Attendance: D. Prescott (5:27pm), S. Racine, C. Beasley, C. Drummond, M. Viola, K. Larrabee, C. Fox (5:15 to 6:50pm) Guests: S. Cooper S. McCandless

3) Approval of Minutes: Dec 14, 2023 Motion from C. Drummond, 2nd C. Beasley, approved by all.

4) Public Communications: Email from Gina Dagostino 740 Charlestown Beach Rd RE: Coastal Erosion Concern & Potential Collaborative Dune Restoration Project. M. Viola will respond.

5) Charlestown Beach Rd. Final Report Discussion: Commissioners discuss ongoing road flooding/devastation from last week's-worth of storms. Commissioners also added a few minor changes to the final CBR report, which will include the addition of the climate change factor to the executive summary and the enhancements of some figures. Members agreed that RMA had been very responsive to requests to add more figures to the report. S. Racine and D. Prescott said they would provide the recommended changes to S. McCandless for forwarding to RMA.

- Consensus amongst the Commission is to recommend Alternative 3.

- D. Prescott will introduce Josh from RMA at the Jan. 22 Town Council meeting. After the presentation, D. Prescott put forward a recommendation for Alternative 3 and answer any questions from the Council and public.

- S.McCandless offered to enlarge and mount the report figure/tables for ease of visualization at the presentation.

6) Upcoming February Meeting Agenda: Discussion of future meeting topics was moved to the February meeting.

7) Commissioner Updates:

- S. McCandless has informed that the MRP grant awards would be decided in the coming days.

- S. Racine suggested that the next meeting focus on carrying capacity.

- Consensus among Commissioners to consider the impacts of drought and wildfire danger.

- D. Prescott would like the Commission to bring in more speakers to enhance the public education component of the Commission's work.

- Members agreed that it was time for the Commission to have a simple website.

8) Adjournment: D. Prescott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm, seconded by C. Drummond, approved by all.

Minutes Recorded by C. Fox & C. Drummond & Submitted Electronically by C. Fox