

Charlestown Climate Resiliency Commission

09/12/24 Regular Meeting



1) Call to Order: 5:03pm

2) Attendance: D. Prescott (departed 6pm), S. Racine, C. Beasley, M. Viola, S. Frattini, C. Fox, S. Cooper (liason)

3) Approval of Minutes: Aug 8th, 2024 Motion by S. Racine, 2nd by M. Viola, approved by all.

4) Public Communications: S. Cooper reports Steve McCandless will attend next month's meeting and she will invite Joe Warner to present on CRS program. D. Prescott unable to attend next month's meeting. Formal resignation letter is needed from K Larrabee (S. Cooper will facilitate).

5) CCRC Website Discussion: Guest Chris Pancaro, Town IT Staff

S. Frattini circulated a spreadsheet compilation of all past CCRC presentation topics and presenters with corresponding links to presenter's resources (if available). She will continue to take the lead on this outreach & education project. Chris briefed the Commission on the current and future town website capabilities. Any content the CCRC wants added to our webpage must be directed to Chris with a copy to the Town Administrator. Next step is for the CCRC to identify what webpage sub-categories* are needed and to gather and organize content to send to Chris for posting. Chris does maintain a town FB & YT page, but not other social media. Expect a week lead time for posting. * 1) Water & Wastewater 2) Fire Safety 3) Storms & Flooding 4) Beach & Coastal Resources 5) Trees, Plants, and Gardens 6) Climate Impacts

6) Charlestown Breachway Update: S. Cooper reports town and state are working together on the options for a short and long term solution. C. Beasley reports the short term fix has been approved by the State and RMS Engineering has developed a temporary repair approach that dovetails with the long term repair. The short term repair could be implemented in 2024 but would have to be funded (\$500,000) by the Town through an emergency declaration.

7) Outreach: S. Frattini highlights need for awareness, education, social media, and CCRC branding; all related to dune protection sticker design contest. She has developed an onerous draft timeline for contest implementation. Commission discussed details and timeline. Announce contest in Dec 2024, selection in Feb 2025, printing in March 2025.

8) Fall/Winter Planning: Matt D. & Joe W. on CRS (Oct.) EMA & URI on Storms (Winter?) Tom Boving on Groundwater (Spring?) State Level Fire Reps (Summer?)

9) Commissioner Updates: S. Frattini – Designed, printed and installed (in consultation with CP&R Director) dune protection signage at the Charlestown Town Beach. Circulated a RIDEM dune protection sign she found on Block Island and is hopeful that the CCRC could facilitate installations in Charlestown (D. Prescott to reach out to RIDEM).

10) Adjournment: C. Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm, 2nd by C. Beasley, approved by all.

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