

# Charlestown Climate Resiliency Commission

## 11/14/24 Regular Meeting



- 1) **Call to Order:** 5:03pm
- 2) **Attendance:** D. Prescott, S. Racine, C. Beasley, M. Viola, S. Frattini, C. Fox
- 3) **Approval of Minutes:** Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Motion by M. Viola, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Beasley, D. Prescott abstain, approved by all.
- 4) **Public Communications:** None
- 5) **CRS Program:** Joe Warner, Building Inspector  
**Community Rating System:** A voluntary program that provides discounts to flood insurance policy holders within a town based on the Town's overall flood resiliency. Charlestown is rated at Class 6 which affords a 20% discount for all taxpayers in the flood zone (appx \$175,000 in collective savings). The Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan is out of date which could affect our rating. Mr. Warner expects to have an updated HMP in place by January 2025. In 2025 the 5-year renewal process for CRS participants is required which essentially is a full application process.
- 6) **Outreach & Website:** Partnering with like-minded groups (STB, SPC, SeaGrant, etc) to propagate the Commission's messaging and maximize each group's impact. Add a link to the HMP survey on the Commission's page. Parks & Rec. looking into getting RIDEM to install dune restoration/erosion signs that S. Frattini observed on Block Island.
- 7) **Charlestown Breachway:** Temporary repair of boulder placement and beach stabilization complete and the channel is already flushing/clearing.
- 8) **December Agenda:** Weston and Sampson (consultant updating the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan) will attend the December meeting to satisfy the HMP update's public outreach requirement.
- 9) **Commissioner Updates:** S. Racine indicates Tom Boving is overloaded and has not responded to our request to address the Commission on groundwater updates. C. Fox indicates he will not seek reappointment in Feb. 2025 due to overcommitment.
- 10) **Adjournment:** D. Prescott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Beasley, approved by all.

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

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