

# Charlestown Climate Resiliency Commission

## 12/12/24 Regular Meeting



- 1) **Call to Order:** 5:04pm (*D. Prescott*)
- 2) **Attendance:** D. Prescott, S. Racine, C. Beasley, M. Viola, S. Frattini, C. Fox (D. Carney TC Liaison)
- 3) **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve 11/14/24 minutes by S. Racine, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Viola, approved by all.
- 4) **Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Presentation:** (Public Meeting) Jim Reardon; Weston & Sampson  
*HMP needs to be updated every 5 years. Citizens encouraged to complete the online public survey:*  
<https://forms.office.com/r/cYNXJY4uaU>

Hazard Mitigation is any actions taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from natural hazards. Every dollar spent on mitigation saves an average of \$6 of disaster recovery. Intent of the HMP is to be publicly accessible and understandable. The revision is an opportunity to streamline goals, and identify priorities to be implemented. Town staff and HMP Committee have been primarily responsible for providing info to the consultant up until now. Gathering input from the public tonight is the next step in the plan's development.

HMP Timeline: October 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 to Feb 30<sup>th</sup> 2025 after which it will be reviewed by RIEMA & FEMA.

Both entities are expected to approve the revised HMP by the end of April.

Hazards Are: Flooding, extreme temperature, severe winter weather, tropical storms, severe thunderstorms, wildfire, sea level rise, earthquakes, tornadoes, drought, dam failure. These categories are in line with the State's priority categories.

HM Planning Includes: Town's facilities and asset inventory and a corresponding vulnerability assessment. Capability assessment and mitigation goals. Mitigation actions, include life safety, property protection, technical, political, legal, environmental, social and administrative. Plan maintenance and implementation is critical.

Next Steps: Drafting the plan's chapters followed by public review of the DRAFT plan (Jan 2025), final public meeting followed by publishing of the final version of the plan for state and federal review (Feb 2025).

- 5) **Public Communications:** None.
- 6) **Outreach:** S. Frattini has completed a substantial amount of work (see attached) over the past month. S. Frattini made a motion to approve a \$250 honorarium for the yet-to-be identified CCRC logo artist, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Beasley, approved by all. She has worked with IT staff to add new (previously identified) elements to the Commission's town webpage.
- 7) **Upcoming January Meeting Agenda:** Budget Discussion, 2025 Presenter Discussion (*EMA & URI on Storms (Winter?) Tom Boving on Groundwater (Spring?) State Level Fire Reps (Summer?)*),  
2025 Meeting Schedule: Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. *All at 5pm in the Town Council Chambers unless otherwise specified.*  
C. Fox made a motion to approve the meeting schedule as listed above, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Viola, approved by all.  
CCRC executive committee candidates are expected to be elected in March of 2025.

**8) Commissioner Updates:** C. Fox reports he will be unable to attend the January 2<sup>nd</sup> CCRC Meeting. C. Fox term up in Feb, not seeking reappointment. S. Racine reports RI Resilience Learning Network will host an informational session (Jan 14<sup>th</sup>) on Community Driven Relocation. She will circulate info to the CCRC. D. Prescott reports Roger William University will be hosting a relocation workshop date & time TBD. He will keep CCRC updated.

**9) Adjournment:** D. Prescott made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Beasley, approved by all.

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

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**CHARLESTOWN CLIMATE RESILIENCY COMMISSION**

**GRAPHIC LOGO design for brand awareness and CCRC education and communication materials.**

**PROJECT CONCEPT:**

**KEY GOALS:** Create a unique design for the Charlestown Climate Resiliency Commission for Education, Awareness, Community Outreach, and social media. Visually communicate and spread the word on protecting the environment, dunes, beaches, and more.

CCRC will conduct community outreach to the local high school's art and design department and student designers/graphic artists to develop the logo. A Creative Brief will be provided, but we want the student's imagination to be individual and unique.

**KEYWORDS FOR DESIGN:** Climate Change, Erosion, Save the Dunes, Protect the Environment, Coastal, Rhode Island, Fish, Litter, Outdoor Life, Waves, sun, and more.

Applicants will be required to sign a waiver giving the town all rights in perpetuity to use the logo for publications, social media, signs, stickers, and more. The chosen design will require format and delivery requirements for various platforms (high res, vector if possible, and created on a computer).

\*Potential Timeline:

*12/15/24 – 1/15/25	Public Announcement Outreach
*1/10/25 – 2/10/25	Submission due to CCRC & Reviewed
*2/10/25 – 2/20/25	Commission and Council review and vote
*2/28/25	Winner Announced

\*Schedule subject to change.

The suggested Honorarium for the Winner is \$250.00, plus bragging rights and follow-up press on social media.



# SEEKING COMMUNITY IDEAS!

**Town of Charlestown, RI**  
Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan  
2024 Update

Town of Charlestown is updating their “Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan” and would like your feedback on *Natural Hazards that affect the Town.*

This information will be used to help update the Plan for 2024 and set Action Items for the Town to pursue over the next five years.

Please take the survey below:

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