

Charlestown Climate Resiliency Commission

04/04/24 Regular Meeting



- 1) **Call to Order:** 5:09pm
- 2) **Attendance:** D. Prescott, S. Racine, C. Drummond, C. Fox, Guests: Charlestown Wastewater & Planning reps, S. Cooper & Catherine Gibson
- 3) **Approval of Minutes:** March 14, 2024 Motion from C. Drummond, 2nd by S. Racine approved by all.
- 4) **Public Communications:** S. Cooper reports that Charlestown Beach Rd. was brought up at the 3/25/24 Town Council Meeting in response to a memo from the Public Works Director. RE: short term maintenance strategy, maintenance permit for road has expired, clearing and spraying will continue, and loose gravel patching (with prohibition for cold patch asphalt use).
- 5) **Carrying Capacity Discussion:** Ruth Platner provides CCRC a summary of the Town's "RI Housing Municipal Technical Assistance Program Needs Analysis and Zoning Update" process. Project objectives are to investigate housing density in town in response to demand for additional housing units. A driving question to be answered; "Where is additional density appropriate in terms of land use, land use patterns and landscapes, and in terms of availability of infrastructure and proximity of services?".
- 6) **April Earth Day Event:** April 20th Town event at Ninigret. Commissioners don't have the availability to participate in any meaningful way.
- 7) **Municipal Resilience Project:** (Tabled)
- 8) **Fire Safety Update:** C. Drummond has reached out to a wide variety of fire officials in preparation for the June CCRC meeting. At that meeting the CCRC expects a discussion in lieu of presentations from the invitees. C. Beasley is still making steady progress toward installing fire warning signage at local fire stations. A one-sided sign will cost appx. \$1000 per sign (installed).
-D. Prescott makes a motion to authorize \$1,200 (not to exceed) in CCRC funding for the production and installation of the 1st sign. 2nd by S. Racine, approved by all.
- 9) **May Meeting Agenda:** Fine tune our approach and questions for the June Fire Safety focused meeting.
- 10) **Commissioner Updates:** S. Cooper will ask the Town's IT to attend a CCRC meeting to discuss digital options for the Commission to conduct outreach and education.
- 11) **Adjournment:** D. Prescott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm, seconded by C. Drummond, approved by all.

Minutes Recorded & Submitted Electronically by C. Fox