

Charlestown Climate Resiliency Commission

Meeting: Thursday 4/14/22 5:00pm

5:04 call to order

Attendance: C. Drummond, C. Fox, V. Gu, S. Racine & Alicia Eichinger (guest from Salt Ponds Coalition)

Table approval of 3/3/22 CCRC minutes until 4/12/22 meeting

Victoria motion to appoint Susan Cooper to serve as TC liaison to CCRC

Second by Cynthia

Approved by all

Frame CCRC meetings around priority hazards. Discussed a range of protection measures to be prioritized. Expectation is to make one topic an agenda item at each subsequent meeting.

-Fire Hazard (May)

-Weather/Climate Resilience (June)

-Coastal Threats

a) Coastal Erosion/natural (July)

b) Coastal Erosion /Infrastructure-DPW-Roads (August)

-Fresh/Surface water (September)

Next Meeting: Forest fire program coordinator has worked with several Ctown staff on FIRE WISE fire protocols. Cynthia reached out to the State's forest fire Coordinator and it was agreed she would invite him and town staff to the May meeting. Cynthia will also invite USFWS staff and other key players too.

Earth Day at Ninigret

10-3 on Sat April 30th Ctown parks & rec

Victoria will attend to get a sense as to what hazards the public are most concerned about.

Discussion of FY 2021/22 Funding – CCRC Allocation

Rollover OR give as local match for an existing grant

Chris to inquire with town staff if additional match is needed for existing grants. If no, the Commission will ask to roll the funding over to FY 2022/23

Discussed RFP for NFWF's National Coastal Resilience Fund

\$140mil in grants for nature based solutions

RFP pre proposal due in a week. Too short a period for the CCRC to put together a proposal.

Chris will check with town staff. Applying? Does the town need any match funding from the CCRC?

Town of Charlestown was accepted into Resilient Rhody program. Mark Stankiewicz (TM) is the town point person. Victoria to find out more from Mark.

Adjourn 6:05pm *Minutes Submitted Electronically to J. Gabriele; Deputy Town Clerk by C. Fox, Secretary*