

Charlestown Climate Resiliency Commission

06/08/23 Regular Meeting



1) 5:04 Call to Order

2) **Roll Call:** D. Prescott, C. Drummond, K. Larrabee, C. Beasley, M. Viola, C. Fox, S. Racine.

3) **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to accept 05/11/23 minutes by M. Viola, 2nd by C. Drummond, approved by all

4) **Public Communications:** Email question from Joanne Niland RE: Air Quality Monitoring (by CCRC) related to recent Canadian wildfires. C. Drummond cites monitoring is already done by RIDEM/RIDOH at E Matunuck. C. Drummond will respond to Joanne Niland to that effect. Further concern was raised by C. Drummond related to fireworks and burning during these periods of dry weather. What can the town do (ordinance?, fire threat signage?, other?) S. McCandless & C. Beasley will gather more info from Town Fire and Staff.

Motion (by S. Racine) To draft a memo to Town Council from CCRC with recommendation that the Town initiate a public fire risk warning system. 2nd by K. Larrabee. Transmit memo ahead of the June 26th Council meeting. Commissioners discussed, approved by all.

5) **Discussion MRP/RIIB Funding Request:** S. McCandless present to recommend the town request funding from the RIIB to design and build a stabilization project for the west side of the Charlestown Breachway. Commissioners are supportive of recommending to the Town Council that this project be selected to advance to the proposal drafting phase.

6) **Upcoming July Meeting Agenda:** Next steps for MRP/RIIB funding request. S. McCandless will attend the July 13th CCRC meeting and provide some draft MRP/RIIB proposal language. Invite Charlestown's Informational Technology staff to discuss digital ways the CCRC can communicate with Town's constituents. Focus the August CCRC meeting on groundwater resources with qualified presenters. C. Drummond to start working on securing presenters.

7) **Commissioner Updates:** D. Prescott reports that CRMC has responded to RMA Engineering with CRMC's informal pre-comments on RMA's initial list of alternatives (10 actions) for Charlestown Beach Rd.

8) **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by D. Prescott, 2nd by S. Racine, approved by all 6:46pm

Minutes Recorded & Submitted Electronically by C. Fox