

# Charlestown Climate Resiliency Commission

## 4/9/2026 Regular Meeting



### TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN

1. **Call to order:** 5:05 pm (D. Prescott)
2. **Roll Call:** D. Prescott, C. Beasley, S. Frattini, M. Viola, S. Habib, M. Owens, B. Van Slyke
3. **Approval of March minutes:** Motion to approve 3/12/26 meeting by C. Beasley, 2nd S. Frattini - approved by all.
4. **Discussion of Charlestown Beach Rd. & Breachway:** S. McCandless & M. DiCicco
  - The Breachway project is complete and ahead of schedule. Elbow beach and dunes are restored. Grass planting schedule to come. Stay off Dunes signs and fencing secured to limit vehicles while restoration is completed.
  - Charlestown Beach Road construction project a success. Removed old gravel and debris and refinished the Road. Able to do Zone 4. Project on budget. The town was able to purchase new vehicles for maintenance and sustainability. The road will be sprayed for dust with Salt Brine, replacing the Calcium Chloride spray.
  - Pedestrian Enhancements in the works from the Marina to town beach and parking lot.
  - CCRC assisted in the research and development of the initial plans for CBR and was acknowledged.
5. **Public Communications:**
  - All educational materials and presentations to CCRC are available on [the Town Website at https://charlestownri.gov/climate](https://charlestownri.gov/climate).
  - April 24th - Peacedale Congregation Church holding forum on WIND, Wind Energy, and how it affects the Community. Open to the public
  - April 14th - Richmond Fire Station holding meeting about Composting
    - Town of Charlestown is in discussion to create a townwide system for Composting.
  - April 25th - Charlestown Beach Clean-up with Save the Bay. 9:30 am - 11:30 am
  - April 25th - Earth Day Festivities at Ninigret Park by Parks and Recreation
  - The committee will continue to publicize Speakers and presentations with help from other committees, and the town's social channels.

6. **Earth Day at Ninigret Park:** CCRC to participate with a table of educational materials and handouts. Approved budget of no more than \$400 for materials and refreshments.
7. **Officer Elections:** D. Prescott to step down as Chair (thanks Dave) and S. Racine as Vice Chair (thanks Sarah). Both will remain on the Commission. Chris Fox has retired. (thanks Chris).
  - a. New Elections: Mike Viola as new Chair, Cyrus Beasley as Vice Chair, and Salli Frattini as Secretary.
  - b. Stephanie Habib and Mary Owens are new Volunteers for CCRC. Welcome.
8. **Commissioner Update:** All included in the above. M. Viola is newly appointed.
9. **Adjournment:** M. Viola made the motion at 7:00 pm, 2nd by S. Frattini.

**The next meeting is Thursday, May 14, 2026.**

*Minutes submitted electronically by S. Frattini (Secretary)*