

Dennis Climate and Coastal Resiliency Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 6 PM

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Hybrid Meeting – ZOOM and in-person

Members Present: Julie Kennie, Shannon Goheen, Betsy LaMond, Thom Huettner, Annette Winther, Spencer Stone

Attendees: Paul Foley, Dennis Town Planner

The meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

**Administrative Items:**

- Minutes from April 27, 2023 meeting approved

Old Business

- Thom and Ken – Holtec Update:

Thom Huettner and Ken McAloon attended the Holtec meeting. They made a statement in opposition to the dumping of nuclear waste into Cape Cod Bay. Their statement was recorded. They'll follow up with a letter.

- Julie – Solid Waste Update:

Julie shared the results of the composting survey. Many residents of Dennis already compost. Many more are interested in starting. The Committee discussed ways to educate the public. One avenue is an insert or information when residents purchase transfer station stickers.

- Annette – By-Law Changes Update:

Annette has been unsuccessful finding town staff stakeholders in the bylaw process. Karen Johnson and/or Erin Burnham from Natural Resources are the logical partners but they are not available to meet with the committee on Thursday's. They attend the Dennis Conservation Commission meetings at that time. Karen also indicated she is unaware of the Cape Cod Commission's recommended Coastal Resiliency Bylaw.

Annette will invite Heather McElroy Natural Resources Program Manager from the Commission to review the bylaw and process the town of Dennis could follow.

- Paul Foley, Dennis Town Planner, joined the meeting. Paul, recently hired, discussed ongoing and new initiatives related to climate resilience with the committee. Discussion included an adaptation plan, vulnerability analysis, and VE zones.

New Business

- Project Management:

The committee discussed the need to document projects completed and track ongoing projects such as proposed by-law changes. Discussion will continue.

- Spencer – Social Media Policy:

Spencer reported that having a committee Facebook page is too problematic. State laws and regulations are too onerous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM

Next Meeting: June, 15, 2023

Submitted by: Betsy LaMond, Recording Secretary