

Dennis Climate and Coastal Resiliency Advisory Committee

Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 6 PM

Hybrid Meeting – ZOOM and in-person

Members Present: Julie Kennie, Betsy LaMond, Thom Huettner, Annette Winther, Spencer Stone, Ken McAloon

Attendees: Heather McElroy, Cape Cod Commission, Michele White, Cape Cod Commission, Paul Foley, Dennis Town Planner

The meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

New Business

- Heather McElroy and Michele White – Presentation: Coastal Resilience Model By-Law and Regulatory Tools for Development in the Floodplain – Cape Cod Commission:

Heather and Michele made a presentation developed by the Cape Cod Commission to assist Cape Cod communities seeking to mitigate risk and promote resiliency from flooding and sea level rise.

They spoke about the existing state and federal building codes and regulations related to floodplains. They explained the differences in the model by-law they propose based on new data on accelerated climate change leading to rapid sea level rise and flooding.

- Discussion of Proposed By-Law Changes:

Paul Foley spoke about using the MVP Grant process for by-law changes to promote coastal resiliency. An attorney well versed in drafting these by-laws would need to be engaged.

- Minutes from May 18, 2023 meeting approved

Old Business

- Julie Kennie – Update on composting and preview of textile recycling

Julie shared a DRAFT infographic on composting which can be a marketing tool.

Julie explained the law on disposing of textiles. They can't be in regular trash. The various charity bins located near the exit of the Transfer Station can be used to dispose of clothing and other textiles. This was new information for many on the Committee who thought the bins were for clothing in good enough condition for reuse. The public should be informed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM

Next Meeting: July 20, 2023

Submitted by: Betsy LaMond, Recording Secretary

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