



Town of Brewster

Natural Resources Advisory Commission

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MEETING AGENDA

Thursday May 9, 2024 6:00 PM

Brewster Natural Resources Advisory Commission

Kimberley Crocker Pearson,
Chair

Amy Henderson, Vice
Chair, Brewster Conservation
Trust Representative

Pat Hughes, Clerk

Ron Essig, Brewster Pond
Coalition

Chris Williams

Elizabeth Taylor, Open Space
Committee

Scott Weissman

Mary Chaffee, Select Board
Liaison

Natural Resources Department

Chris Miller, Director
Ryan Burch, Senior Natural
Resources Assistant
David Johnson, Natural
Resources Officer
William Grafton, Conservation
Administrator
Cassandra West, Senior
Department Assistant

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Call to Order

1. Declaration of a Quorum
2. Recording Statement
3. Citizens Forum
4. Notes from the Chair:
 - a. Follow up:
 - i. Organizing Subcommittee for Coastal Forum?
 - ii. Nickerson First Grade Field Trip: Wednesday, May 15 (Rain: May 22)
 - iii. Aquaculture Forums
 - b. Freshwater Initiative Stakeholder Meeting: Satellite Imagery Study findings
 - i. Proof of Concept
 - ii. Long-term trends generally suggest improving water clarity since 1984
5. Town of Brewster Ponds Management Plan:
 - a. Statement of Purpose
 - b. Existing Conditions Evaluation:
 - i. Ponds Database Status
 1. Spreadsheet review
 - ii. Incorporation of biological data:
 1. Ken Wagner
 2. DMF (Brad Chase)
 3. Nancy Leland
 - iii. Individual Pond Report Forms: Coordinate with goals of IWRMP update
 - c. External Validators for the Plan:
 - i. Regulatory: MaDEP? EPA?
 - ii. Academic: UMass?, UNH?
6. Reports:
 - a. Natural Resources Director
 - b. Represented organizations and committees
7. Approval of Minutes
8. Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair
9. Topic(s) for future meetings:
 - a. Coastal Resource Management Plan: Beach Profiling Pilot Study (Tricia Teixeira)
 - b. Ponds Management Plan Outline
 - c. Schedule Town Tree Policy Presentation

10. Informational Items:

- a. Satellite imagery as a management tool for monitoring water clarity across freshwater ponds on Cape Cod, Massachusetts (Coffer, et al, 2024)
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0301479724003207?via%3Dihub>
- b. Cape Coastal Conference: June 18, 2024
<https://waquoitbayreserve.org/2024-cape-coastal-conference/>
- c. Rescue Raptors: https://www.massaudubon.org/take-action/advocate/rescue-raptors?utm_source=bos_enews&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=rodeonticides

11. Adjournment

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