

Town of Brewster Natural Resources Advisory Commission

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MEETING AGENDA 2198 Main Street Thursday, May 11, 2023 6:00 PM

Commission

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Chair Crocker Pearson

Amy Henderson, Vice Chair, Brewster Conservation Trust Representative

Brewster Natural Resources Advisory

Pat Hughes, Clerk

Ron Essig, Brewster Ponds Coalition Representative

Chris Williams

Elizabeth Taylor, Open Space Representative

Peter Nielsen

Mary Chaffee, Select Board Liaison

Natural Resources Department

Chris Miller, Director Ryan Burch, Senior Natural Resources Assistant Dave Johnson, Natural Resources Officer Bill Grafton, Conservation Administrator Andreana Sideris Senior Department Assistant This meeting will be conducted in person at the time and location identified above. This means that at least a quorum of the members of the public body will attend the meeting in person and members of the public are welcome to attend in person as well. As a courtesy only, access to the meeting is also being provided via remote means in accordance with applicable law. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast or affect remote attendance or participation, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda, which includes an applicant and its representatives, should make plans for in-person vs. virtual attendance accordingly.

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- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Declaration of a Quorum
- 3. Meeting Participation Statement
- 4. Recording Statement
- 5. Agenda items
 - a. Notes from the Chair (Pearson)
 - i. MDAR Pesticide Use Database:
 - 1. Massachusetts Reporting Form vs. New York Reporting Form
 - 2. Possible Letter to MDAR
 - ii. P-Surge 3.0 is live with new features:
 - New forecasts for surge, tide and waves for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands
 - 2. The ability to run the model simultaneously for two storms.
 - 3. Improved model calculations of friction over different types of land surfaces, which helps more accurately compute the extent of water inundation along the coast
 - iii. Recent Rapid Ocean Warming
 - 1. Sea surface temperatures have hit a record high
 - Gulf of Maine is warming faster than 97% of the world's ocean surface
 - a. Phytoplankton productivity down 65% according to NASA data
 - iv. Town Meeting Votes:
 - 1. Nip Bottle Ban passed
 - 2. Plastic Food Service Flatware and Containers postponed indefinitely
 - 3. "Plastiglomerate"
 - v. Brewster Conservation Day July 8, 2023: "Native Plants Healthy Habits"
 - vi. Minutes update
 - b. Outer Cape Shoreline Management Data Hub (Miller)
 - c. Report of the Natural Resources Director (Miller)

- d. Liaison Reports
 - i. Bay Parcel Committee (Hughes)
 - ii. Pond Parcel Committee (Williams)
 - iii. Water Quality Task Force (Pearson)
- 6. Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair
- 7. Topics for Next Agenda
- 8. Next Meeting: June 8, 2023
- 9. Informational Items:
 - a. Pesticide Use Reporting Forms:
 - i. https://massgov.formstack.com/forms/pesticide_use_report
 - ii. https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials-minerals-pdf/form26.pdf
 - b. Recent Rapid Ocean Warming
 - i. Ocean Warming: https://climate.nasa.gov/vital-signs/ocean-warming/
 - ii. Gulf of Maine Warming Update:
 https://adamkemberling.github.io/oisst_mainstays/R/markdown_reports/GOM_Annual_Report.html#fig-global-comparison
- 10. Adjournment