



# Town of Brewster

## Natural Resources Advisory Commission

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### MEETING AGENDA

2198 Main Street

Thursday, June 8, 2023 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  
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

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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. Sackett v. EPA Decision:
      1. Narrows the jurisdictional scope of wetlands protected under the Clean Water Act
    - ii. Phoenix, AZ: New housing construction restricted due to lack of groundwater availability
    - iii. EPA invites comments on proposed gun range
    - iv. MDAR approval of Eversource 5-year VMP
      1. Right-of-Way Advisory Panel Meeting: concerning points of discussion (items in quotes are paraphrased from proceedings)
        - a. "No scientific evidence for the use of goats"
        - b. "No spraying during legal proceedings means more spraying now"
        - c. "What does sole-source aquifer designation require?"
    - v. Brewster Conservation Day July 8, 2023: "Native Plants - Healthy Habitats"
    - vi. Minutes update
  - b. SMAST Brewster Pond PALS Data
    - i. Discuss strategies for public access to the data
  - 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
  - a. Tentative: Brad Chase presentation on anadromous fish run

8. Next Meeting: July 13, 2023

9. Informational Items:

a. Sackett v. EPA: [https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/22pdf/21-454\\_4g15.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/22pdf/21-454_4g15.pdf)

b. Arizona construction restriction:  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/06/01/climate/arizona-phoenix-permits-housing-water.html>

10. Adjournment

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