

Natick: Charles River Dam Advisory Committee

Thursday October 14, 2021 | 4-6:30pm

Focus: Ecological Considerations

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Meeting Agenda

Purpose:

- Review enhanced public input process
- Reflect on the October 2 Andover site visit
- Review and discuss information about ecological considerations (wildlife, plants, water quality, etc.) and identify any additional questions

Optional additional resources suggested by presenters:

- Biohabitats newest newsletter:
https://www.biohabitats.com/newsletter/a_dam-removal/in-this-issue-dam-removal/
- *Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Reservoir Water Surfaces: A New Global Synthesis*
([link](#))

- Bridget R. Deemer, John A. Harrison, Siyue Li, Jake J. Beaulieu, Tonya DelSontro, Nathan Barros, José F. Bezerra-Neto, Stephen M. Powers, Marco A. dos Santos, J. Arie Vonk, Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Reservoir Water Surfaces: A New Global Synthesis, *BioScience*, Volume 66, Issue 11, 1 November 2016, Pages 949–964, <https://doi.org/10.1093/biosci/biw117>

3:50 Tech check

All are welcome to join early to say hello and be sure their technology is working

4:00 Welcome, overview of agenda, introductions, committee business - James Errickson (Town Administrator) and Ona Ferguson (the Consensus Building Institute)

- Welcome and overview
- Committee business
- Andover Site Visit reflections
- Update on proposed regulatory review of several suggested approaches and enhancing the options in front of the committee

4:35 Ecological considerations

- Brief overview of the public's concerns and questions about this topic - *Maggie Osthues (the Consensus Building Institute)*
- Presentation on ecological considerations
 - [Nick Wildman](#), C.E.R.P. (MA Division of Ecological Restoration)
 - [Dr. Allison Roy](#) (UMass Amherst, U.S. Geological Survey, Massachusetts Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit)
- Open discussion - *Advisory Committee members*

5:55 Break

6:05 Public Comment

- 2 to 3 minutes per person, depending on interest

6:20 Wrap up

6:30 Adjourn