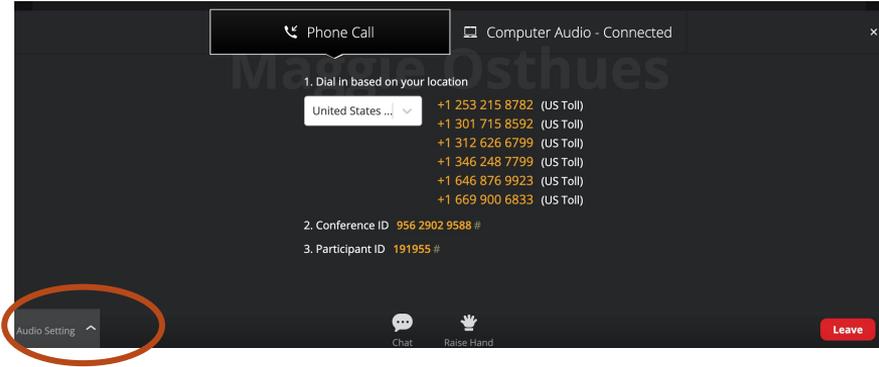


Checklist for Attendees



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- ✓ Bring a tech-adaptive mindset!



**Town of Natick
Charles River Dam Advisory Committee**

Meeting #12 | July 19, 2022

Agenda

- 4:00 Welcome, overview of agenda & introductions
- 4:10 Public comment (*2 min per comment*)
- 4:55 Reflections from committee engagement in the community
- 5:10 Break
- 5:25 Deliberation
- 6:45 Wrap Up
- 7:00 Adjourn

This meeting is being recorded.

Expectations



BE CONCISE



BE RESPECTFUL



**BE
CONSTRUCTIVE**

Public Comment

Click the “Raise Hand” button in your toolbar
or *9 if you are dialed in on the phone

Please keep your comments to 2 minutes

Reflections from Community Engagement

What did you hear in the community,
speaking with your committees, etc?

Break

Deliberation

Advisory Committee

19 member body

Formed in March 2021

Appointed by the Town Administrator

*Tasked with **reviewing, discussing and evaluating the options** of what to do with the dam and **presenting a recommendation to the Select Board***

Seeking 75% agreement on recommendation

Perspectives Included

Recreation & Parks Commission

Commission on Disability

Planning Board

Historic District Commission

Open Space Advisory Committee

Finance Committee

Conservation Commission

Downstream Abutters

Upstream Abutters

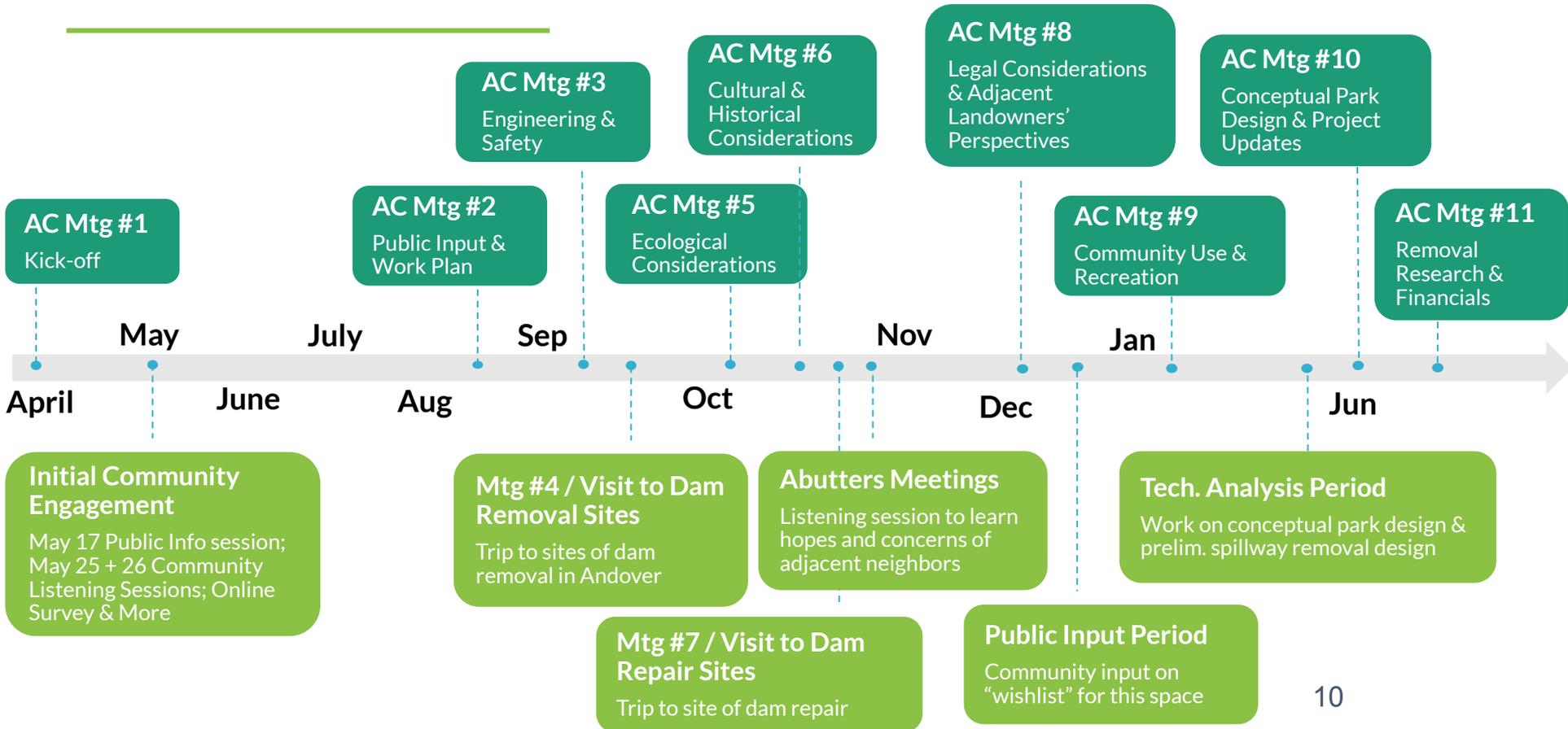
Precinct 10 - Town Meeting Member

Environmental

Indigenous

Town Staff

Where We've Been



Decision Making & the Final Report

The Town's Decision Making Process

1

Charles River Dam Advisory Committee

Reviews information to identify options and recommends a path forward

2

Select Board

*Reviews Committee's work and recommendation
Chooses a path forward*

Works with Town Administrator to develop plan to fund preferred option

3

Town Meeting

Votes on funding appropriation necessary to implement preferred option

Determining levels of agreement

Seek overwhelming agreement on final recommendation:

75% of voting participants, with each member having 1 vote

Possible votes:

- Endorse and support the final recommendation
- They can live with the recommendation
- They cannot live with the final recommendation.
- *Those who abstain will not be counted in the final tally*

From April 5, 2021 committee meeting.

Decision thresholds

We will count the following as reaching “overwhelming agreement”

For example:

If 14 committee members participate in the final decision, at least 11 of them have to say they endorse or can live with the recommendation for the committee to have formally reached overwhelming agreement.

6 of 8 members	11 of 15 members
7 of 9 members	12 of 16 members
8 of 10 members	13 of 17 members
9 of 12 members	14 of 18 members
10 of 13 members	14 of 19 members
11 of 14 members	

Final report

Final Report: The report will capture the weight of the group's perspective on the final recommendation, including the key reasons why any who do not support the recommendation are not able/willing to sign on (*From April 5, 2021 committee meeting.*)

Capturing the committee's perspectives: Regardless of whether or not the committee reaches the overwhelming agreement threshold, we will be writing up the outcome and rationale to share with the Select Board.

Guiding Criteria & Principles for the Advisory Committee

We want our process to be:

- **Efficient:** Strike a balance between gathering information and learning and moving forward towards recommendations. Be thoughtful and also realistic about what we can learn and accomplish together.
- **Inclusive and equitable:** Include all users of this place in the process. Explore the rich history of the area, including Indigenous perspectives.
- **Well-scoped:** Find the right balance of shaping the future of this place and making recommendations within the scope the committee is tasked with.
- **Well-documented:** Document our process and decision-making to share lessons with other committees in Natick and elsewhere.

We want to be sure to consider in our decision (in no particular order)

- **Cost:** What are the town's anticipated costs both short term and long term?
- **Legal issues:** What is the town's liability? What legal considerations should we keep top of mind, including those related to property rights?
- **Scale:** What will be the likely impacts to the greater Natick community? To abutters?
- **Adding value:** How can this place continue to be as valuable an asset to Natick as possible? How do we define and maintain value?
- **Community memory:** What can we share about the rich history of this place and the dam? Are we including Indigenous perspectives? How can we best share that?

We want to be sure to consider in our decision (in no particular order)

- **Inclusivity and equity:** Does the outcome seek to meet the needs and build in opportunities for users with different backgrounds and abilities?
- **Safety, risk, and resilience:** Are we increasing safety and reducing the town's risk? Are we building resilience to risk?
- **Recreation:** Are we maximizing recreational opportunities for various types of recreational users in and out of the water?
- **Ecological:** Are we maximizing environmental and ecological benefits?
- **Aesthetics:** What are the likely impacts to the aesthetic of the area? What will make the place most attractive?

Deliberation

What are the elements you see as most important in making this decision?

Thank you

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