

Climate Resilient Carlisle Meeting with
Carlisle Historic Commission and Council on Aging (May 15, 2024)

Meeting Notes prepared by Horsley Witten Group

Role of the Historic Commission, Demo Delay

- Rules and regs don't address the district and the historic for whole town separately
 - Focus on the properties in the district, but other properties have been coming up
 - There was an historic barn structure outside the district
 - Still determining legal authority
 - Can weigh in with other boards to express their opinion, but not sure there's more
- General thoughts and discussion
 - What happens when historic preservation values conflict with resilience values?
 - Is the demo delay about resilience? Does it conflict with resilience?
 - Question (Ed Rolfe): Do demo delays actually work?

Sustainable deconstruction

- Pilot: Zero Waste Boston working with RecyclingWorks MA
- Question (Ed Rolfe): Can we broaden from full demos to renovation and building?

Overall sustainability: Personal carbon footprints

- Embodied carbon (existing structures) - Christina (ESC)
- Transportation--moving away from cars all the time - John Ballantine
- Incorporating sustainability into housing - Ben

Landscaping and site improvements

- Permeable pavers, native planting, etc.
 - Regulatory: how big should trigger this? Historic or not?
- In and out of the historic district
- Garden clubs as a stakeholder in landscaping discussions (John Ballantine)
- Native plants as a part of history

Housing

- What are the roles of the different boards/commissions in shaping zoning
- Refusing to change is ahistorical (Kate Reid)
- Home improvements for energy efficiency, weatherization
- Transportation options needs
 - No studies
 - COA (two COA directors ago) --no pick up points for cross town connect
 - Need parking for a park and ride
- Mark Levitan: Climate fee for largest houses, converting big houses to multiple units,
- Kate--tell the BOH that what matters is number of bedrooms, not number of kitchens; also the nitrogen and the cape
 - Julie: won a big battle in a larger war

Guidance and support

- [National Park Service](#) has a suite of materials on this:
 - [Flood adaptation](#)

- [Sustainability](#) in rehabs
- [Concord's Sustainability Guide for Historic and Older Homes](#)