Community Land & Water Coalition Newsletter

Welcome to the May 31 edition of the Community Land and Water Coalition (CLWC) newsletter. Our Coalition includes Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Vermont. We are a network of organizations, businesses, and individuals who are working to protect growing open space and development that is environmentally changing the character of our region. Several issues have been focus areas for our Coalition. Our newsletter shares the many ways people are coming together to work for clean water and the future we collectively share.

This is the first edition of our site-specific newsletter format, so hope you enjoy the new layout. Our goal is to provide a quick, easy-to-read, monthly update on our Coalition's work and upcoming events, upcoming events, and descriptions of recent events. Open local media and presentations have been posting off and we have some big events coming up.

Regards
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Co-Chair
CLWC

IN MAJOR DEVELOPMENT DEBATES THIS STATE COULD EXHIBIT TRANSITION, BUT THE MORE WE CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF OUR HUMBLE FOOD FARM CAPITAL CHANGING FAST AND MORE DIFFICULT AND BUTTERY STRAWS ALLEYS

Long, the first and continuation of the campaign, ended on the 7th, 2011, the Massachusetts Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) approved the Kingston project to the Cambridge Energy project to construct a 250 megawatt Alstom gas turbine energy facility proposed by a transitional energy/industrial and a utility's agricultural land in Carver, Kingston, Plymouth, Carver.

Bryan Bowman, counsel for Sierra Club, Pine Barrens in the EFSB proceeding stated, "This decision is a major victory for the environment and for the people of Carver and Kingston. Its clearly a strange decision, but it is a victory for the people who want to see the Pine Barrens protected and the Cranberry Bog industry continue to operate." Bowman also stated that the decision "sets a precedent that the Massachusetts Energy Facility Siting Board will not continue to approve their energy facilities in agricultural lands." Bowman also stated that the decision should give an important public discussion about how to site and regulate future facilities in a way that balances the environmental and economic impacts of energy development. Bowman also stated that the decision "sends a strong message to the energy industry that communities are not mesmerized and endangered."

Spring 2015 Town Meeting Round Up

Town Meetings are a time-honored tradition and a vital governmental or smart communication in Southeastern Massachusetts. Residents and elected board and commissions are present, whether it, or not, they want to be there. Find out more in the Cape Cod Times.

This year, Spring Town Meetings across the region saw metro-wide in the public and – most meaningful for national activists that protect our water, forests and communities.

Carver Town Meeting (April 6)

- Carver overwhelmingly passed three articles to strengthen local zoning control over large ground-mounted solar installations and Marina Energy Storage Systems (MESS). These articles 27, 28, and 29, were recommended by the Town Planning Board and Conservation Commission. Article 27 was also a strengthening of the Carver Bylaw to conservation and water resources.
- In addition, local residents petitioned 9 articles to be placed on the Town Meeting Warrant. Residents also passed three articles and defeated two, large solar battery storage and wind power bylaws and zoning. Article 3 amended Carver Bylaw to include a "Solar Energy Systems" Bylaw. Article 4 amended Carver Bylaw to include a "Wind Energy Systems" Bylaw. Article 5 amended Carver Bylaw to include a "Marina Energy Storage Systems" Bylaw. Article 6 amended Carver Bylaw to include a "Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations" Bylaw. Article 7 amended Carver Bylaw to include a "Large Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems" Bylaw. Article 8 amended Carver Bylaw to include a "Large Scale Wind Energy Systems" Bylaw. Article 9 amended Carver Bylaw to include a "Large Scale Wind Energy Systems" Bylaw.
- Finally, Town Meeting voted to adopt the City of Pittsburgh's Pesticide Ordinance and Carver's Pesticide Ordinance of 2015 and ban Bayfront Road. The conversation about Bayfront provoked a lively debate and Carver Conservation Commission Chair Gerard Cassidy (CCM).

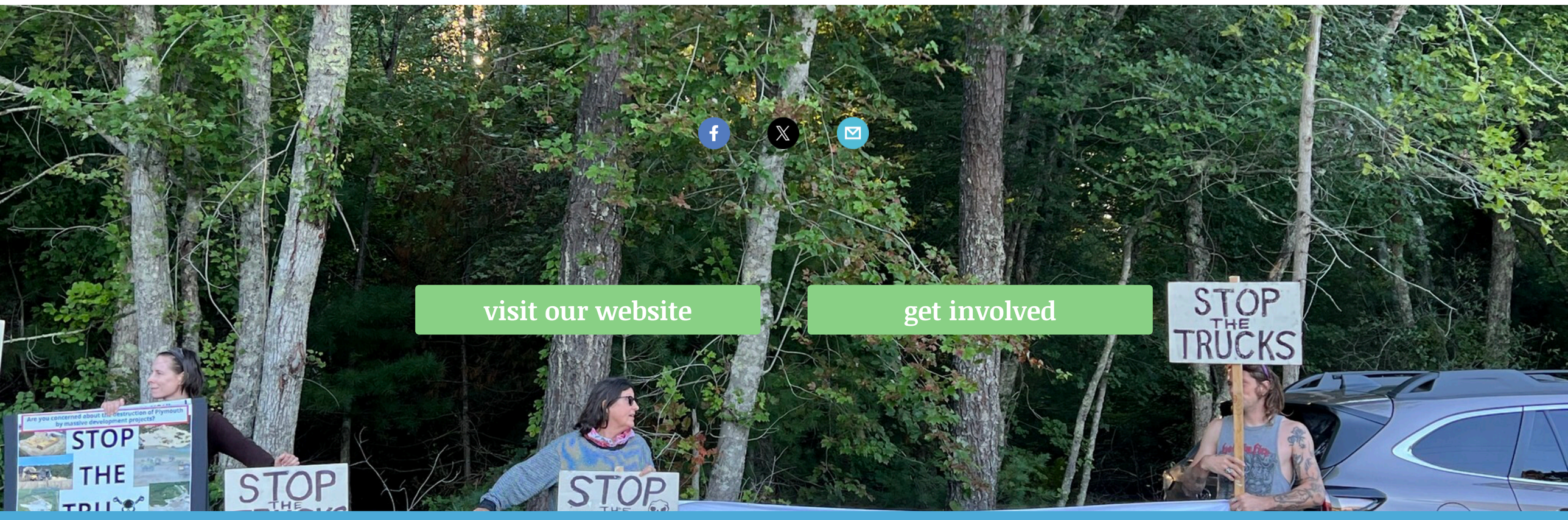
Kingston Town Meeting (April 13)

- Kingston Town Meeting voted to adopt the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) Bayfront Park Master Plan. The Kingston Bayfront Park Master Plan is a 10-year plan for improvements to Kingston Bayfront Park

Plymouth, hosted by Sustainable Plymouth and the Plymouth Open Space Committee. Come to learn about the issues from a knowledgeable panel of experts, including CLWC's own Katherine Harrelson! Please join us!

Past Events

Herring Fest, 2023: CLWC had a great time teaming up with Indigenous Resources Collaborative (IRC) to present fun, family activities at this year's Herring Run Fest. We want to thank all of the presenters at the event and the community members who took a moment to stop by. We look forward to seeing you next year!



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