COSTEP MA Executive Committee Meeting Thursday, March 10, 2022 10:00am-11:00am Zoom meeting

Attendance

Alejandra Moutenot, Evan Knight, Ben Haavik, Lori Foley, Priscilla Anderson, Becky Geller, Stephanie Garafolo, Molly Ogrodnik, Ben Hiltunen, Jessica Bitely, Kristin Collins, Andrew Raddant, Elizabeth Morse, Diane Lazinsky, Catherine Perreault

Communications updates: blog posts, website, and social media

Evan reported that there was 1 post promoting the Boston Green Ribbon Commission climate resiliency webinar (part 2 of a program with COSTEP MA) published to the blog since the February meeting. Over the past month, the website received 260 sessions, 400 page views, and the average site visit time was 1.5 minutes. 2 email weather alerts were sent out in the past month, which received a 50% open rate. The Twitter account received 2 new followers.

Outreach updates

Evan reported that he and Alejandra met with Elaina Gregg, AFR Coordinator for the Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC), to discuss next steps for the grant proposal to fund a New England regional disaster response training. The Massachusetts Archives will serve as the host institution for the 2-day training, which if funded will take place in Fall 2023.

The group welcomed Andrew Raddant and Diane Lazinsky from the Department of the Interior Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

Task Force updates

Alejandra provided a recap of the Boston Green Ribbon Commission webinar held on March 4th that was part II in a co-sponsored series with COSTEP. The group suggested sending a follow-up email to our GRC contacts to sustain the relationship moving forward.

Alejandra provided an update on the COSTEP/MEMA GIS mapping project: the submission form and counterpart map are finalized and ready to go live. The group will provide feedback on the latest draft language for widely publicizing and sharing the GIS mapping project by 5pm on Friday (3/10). Evan will integrate the comments into a final draft for outreach. Outreach will commence the following week.

Other business

The group created an action item to update COSTEP's climate resiliency page on the COSTEP website. The group created an action item to develop talking points for advocating cultural heritage in conversations on climate resiliency. The group discussed connecting with the Mass Maritime Academy for future projects.

Next meeting

April 14, 2022 at 10am ET via Zoom