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Not a problem. I can attend in the annex, with a mask unless things change. For some formats, meetings, Zoom is fine (actually very convenient). But there isn't a substitute for in-person dialog for other interactions. I've found that making presentations at on-line professional conferences difficult- presenting to a computer screen is different than presenting to people.

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Hi Bob!

Thank you for your willingness to help, I'll get those resources over to them. I understand waiting until your application finishes the wetlands review process.

For our meetings, we are currently in a hybrid format – where we have some members on zoom and some in person at the town hall annex. However, most of our members prefer zoom due to the audio challenges from not being able to hear all of the in person people over zoom.

Best,
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Mindy and Todd,

Attached are some materials regarding waterfront development landscaping and beaches. Also attached are links to a couple websites of Environmental Landscape Architects. I thought it might be useful to get these resources to the IW Agency to more casually review in preparation for a discussion about beach sand, etc.

I am planning/hoping to submit an application for our new house lot soon, trying to get to the point where we can get a building permit by sometime in January to submit solar application the Eversource (before their power buy-back rules change). I think it would be best for me to finish the wetland review process before working with IW regarding lakefront, beaches, etc. (to avoid an appearance of conflict of interest). The company that Ecosystem Consulting is now a division of (GZA GeoEnvironmental) specializes in geotechnical and waterfront (e.g. they designed the foundation of the new Tappan Zee Bridge, foundations for offshore solar, etc.). I'm sure I have colleagues I can tap to help develop concepts/design criteria for Coventry Lake waterfronts. I'd certainly be willing to devote most of my efforts pro bono. But before developing a proposal I think an initial discussion with the Agency would be the best first step. Do they meet in person at this point?

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https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/smart_trees_and_shrubs_for_natural_shoreline_plantings

<https://www.maine.gov/dep/land/watershed/bufa.html>

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