

CAC meeting time: Monday, February 14, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Committee attendees: Cheryl Gayle, Roberta Longley, Roy Merolli, Ellen Greer, Devon O'Rourke

Staff/Town members: Rich Bienvenue, Jared Collins

Public Comments: none

Minutes: Vote is 4-0 (Ellen abstained due to absence from previous meeting). Roberta noted that Eastham CAC meeting times are listed as in person at Town hall by Provincetown Independent newspaper. Rich identified discrepancy in newspaper between a one page listing it as remote, and another page listing location as being in Town Hall.

Staff update: Rich provided multiple updates. First, with respect to the Green Communities application, an issue remains ongoing regarding a zoning by-law that provides for solar development, and he anticipates resolution by end of month. Second, the solar development project between developer and town is ongoing. Rich provided a review of the solar canopies and roof panel installation, highlighting that all installations will be "behind the meter" connections - they connect directly to electric accounts to the meter affixed to the building. He expects a production lag between 12 to 18 months after agreement is signed; construction planning estimates are available only after (assuming) contracts are finalized, and it is unlikely that any construction would begin before summer 2023. This contract will include a Power Purchase Agreement (we are agreeing to purchasing power from the developers for the next 20 years). Relatedly, the solar canopies come equipped with charging stations, and can be counted against the cap to production issues.

Outer Cape Climate and Energy Committee update: Roberta reviewed a presentation by [AETNA Co.](#) (electric charging station company). Highlights included discussing how municipal funding exists for EV charging stations, and the expectation is that additional funding will continue to grow. Truro is exploring how to form partnerships such that local hotels are provided with information about the process of install charging stations at their business. It's possible, but not necessary, that our group and the Town of Eastham could play a formal role in providing guidance (for example, the town website may provide information, some people may act as liaisons for interested town members). In addition, Roberta noted that Julian Cyr will be coming to speak at their next meeting in March. Julian is on the committee that was the driving force behind the new state climate legislation. It is open to all, not just the volunteers of the Outer Cape committee. Ellen volunteered to attend this meeting.

Town outreach: The group discussed what Town committees are most sensible to coordinate efforts with. Suggestions included the Planning Board and working with the Planning Director specifically. It was mentioned we are working with multiple groups: we are formally collaborating via Ellen with the Recycling Committee and Roy through his membership on the Finance Committee, as well as through informal conversations (via Cheryl) with T-Time during their recommendation development process. Ellen noted that targeting partnerships are likely most effective if we have a goal in mind. A question was raised about sharing an open letter to each committee with our group's goals, and inviting them to collaborate should they think we could be helpful.

Select board presentation follow up: First, the group explored how we might go about providing community education. Options included presentations at the library (for example, Communities Responding to Extreme Weather), as well as using library resources to create a support group to help Eastham town people to cope with stresses related to climate and environmental change. Kait (a former committee member) and her family are part of a landscaping business and suggested as an option to present to the community. Second, Cheryl confirmed she will connect with Paul Lagg to identify if and when our CAC group can communicate with the new master planner.

Compost Initiative: Ellen expects to start a compost-related survey of Eastham citizens in May, though it was unclear on how long it will take to get the anticipated number of respondents. The Recycling Committee and Silvio are expected to provide the stamp of approval this month. Roy suggested connecting with T-Time group to identify how long their survey was available. Jared mentioned that the Town may be a resource for outreach, if needed: for example, as a Town committee, we can ask for Town resources such as building a page on the Town's website to display educational material, or, coordinating with the Rec Dept. to identify programs for the summer.

Open Discussion: The group will target April 11th as an option for an in-person meeting (with hybrid as an option).

Adjournment at 630pm EST.