

CAC Meeting

April 11,2022 / 5:00 PM / SM. CONFERENCE ROOM/ Town Hall

Attendees: Present; Cheryl Gayle, Roberta Langley, Devon O'Rourke, Ellen Greer, Roy Merolli (zoom) Guests; Lauren Arcomano, Mike Sarcione(zoom), Susan Comeau(zoom)

Welcome to 2 potential members, Mike and Lauren. Interviews in May, have 1 alternate position open.

Agenda

Motion to accept minutes from March 14, vote 4-0-1.

Staff update- Rich not present

Work groups

Compost Initiative survey- are at the final version and ready for the new town website. This writer reported mtg with Gary from Recycling and Lauren, to finalize. Will run it for 6 weeks and monitor the number of responses, and need for more time. Some hard copies to COA, and a flyer to generate interest and exposure.

New business

Flood zone zoning bill, Article 11F in town warrant.

Roberta gave update on Cape Cod Collaborative. Cheryl recommends we all get their newsletter, as well as the CAN newsletter, these are key networking sites with other cape towns.

Discussion about meeting with TTime Master Planner, email received from economic planner, Lauren Barker inviting all chairs of town committees to attend a session with planners on Thurs. April 14, each given 5 minutes for questions and comments. Cheryl shared the invite with group.

Committee discussion on a clear, concise message For Cheryl to deliver.

A clear statement was arrived at; What are plans for a carbon zero or neutral buildings and how can this committee help.

Education/Outreach- Library will be adding evening hours on Tues. and Thurs., will be open until 8pm. Large conference room available.

Roy inquired with Cape Light Compact, agency that does home assessments, renewable energy, teaches next generation.

This writer reported on info about Assoc. To Protect Cape Cod (apcc), having a speakers bureau that educates on Climate Change, H2O Quality, Cynobacteria monitoring, Sustainability, Habitat Protection, mission is through advocacy, science and education.

Edible Landscape staff would be available in the fall for speaker series.

This writer attended a meeting at Evergreen Cemetery to learn about Green Burials in Eastham. Cemetery commission and town admin of Brewster were there to share info they have from experience with green burials. Apparently there is interest, Evergreen will create a designated area for green burials. Unknown if other cemeteries in town have had any inquiries. Discussed the benefits within the climate action goals.

Talked about subjects of both local and global impacts.

All agreed that any and all of these subjects, plus more, were worthy of educational offering.

Windmill Weekend and Turnip Festival were identified as opportunities to engage residents and promote interest.

The idea of a Climate Action Fair was floated. How to best connect with the community and generate interest and actions was queried.

Connect with schools and students in town.

Information for what individual residents can do in their everyday practices should be a focus.

Hybrid sessions

Follow-up- Ellen-compost, apcc

Roy- Cape Light compact

Roberta- Collaborative

Devon- global impact assistance

Public comments;

Mike Sacione - committee candidate, currently has heat pumps at his residence, solar, drives an electric vehicle, can talk about all aspects as first hand knowledge. Education has to move from net zero which is not adequate, move to carbon negative.

Lauren Arcomano - has participated in green burial. Knows an expert who she could ask to speak.

Has other experiences involving sustainable practices.

Susan Commeau- no comments

Committee also talked about getting students involved in programs and projects.

Pre meeting for annual town meeting is April 25

Annual town meeting is May2.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Greer.

Next meeting is May 9th 5pm at the Library