

May 9, 2022, 5:00 PM Town Library—Climate Action Committee Meeting

Attendees: Cheryl Gayle, Roberta Longley, Ellen Greer, Roy Merolli, Devon O'Rourke (Zoom). Guest: Mike Sarcione (potential member participated via Zoom).

Administrative Matters:

Cheryl mentioned that two potential members, Mike Sarcione and Lauren Arcomando were recommended to the Select Board to fill the two new positions the Select Board had verbally approved for the CAC at its January meeting. Interviews will be conducted in May by Cheryl and Roberta. CAC still has 1 alternate position open. (Note: Lauren Arcomando has decided not to accept CAC membership because of an employment opportunity.)

Public Comments: None

Approval of April 11 Minutes

Motion to accept minutes from April 11 meeting was made by Roy and seconded by Roberta. Motion passed by vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Staff Update: Rich Bienvenue was unable to attend the meeting.

Outer Cape Climate and Energy Committee: Roberta presented report.

Each member town gave a brief report on climate action activities in which each town is engaged.

- (1) For example, Orleans will offer a set of Workshops on Combatting Climate Change e.g., home heating, cooling appliances, EVs, battery storage, solar panel arrays.
- (2) It was noted that the Truro CAC provides a quarterly report on its activities to the Truro Select Board. (Note: This is something our CAC might consider.)
- (3) Truro and Wellfleet do composting at their respective transfer stations. (Note: Eastham's DPW Director has accepted a position off-cape. Hence, establishing a compost operation at the Eastham Transfer Station may be difficult to do at this time.

Updates/discussion

Compost Initiative: Ellen reported that the final version of Compost Initiative survey has been posted on Town (and CAC) Website. Some hard copies have also been given to COA along with a flyer to help generate interest and exposure.

Flood zone Article (11F in Town Warrant). Roy reported that Article 11F in the Town Meeting Warrant Document was passed at May 2 Town Meeting.

Cape Cod Climate Collaborative. Cheryl noted that the Collaborative Website is a good information source with respect to what many Cape towns are doing in the climate action area. Cheryl recommends that we all get the Collaborative's newsletter, as well as the CAN newsletter, since these sources provide helpful information with respect to the climate action work of all member cape towns.

Master Plan. Cheryl reported that she received an email from Town economic planner Lauren Barker that invited the chairpersons of all town committees to attend a session on April 14 with representatives of the Planning Firm that has been selected to do the Master Plan for the T-Time, Town Center and COA properties. Each chairperson will be given 5 minutes to present questions and comments to the Firm's representatives.

Cheryl asked the CAC to draft clear and concise questions for Cheryl to present to the Planning Firm on April 14.

The following two questions were drafted. (1) What are the Master Planner's plans for ensuring that any new or renovated facilities at three sites meet the following goals: (a) zero carbon emissions and (b) consume no more or less energy than they produce. (2) Also, how can our committee assist the Planning Firm in achieving the latter goals?

Community Education/Outreach

This past January, the Select Board asked the CAC to offer a comprehensive Climate Action program to the Eastham Community.

The CAC discussed offering **two** programs a month in the spring, summer and early fall. It was agreed that Windmill Weekend in September would provide an excellent program opportunity. Cheryl will check with Town about providing a

table for the CAC at Windmill Weekend. The Cape Light Compact was discussed as a possible invitee for one day of the Weekend.

Other possible organizations and speakers mentioned for climate action programs over the following six months were the following.

Rick Delaney from CCCC.

Mike Sarcione on electric vehicles and heat pumps.

The APCC on natural environment, water management and landscaping.

Tours pertaining to solar panel arrays and electric vehicles were also mentioned as a possible program opportunity.

The CAC also talked about the importance of getting students involved in selecting and organizing programs and projects.

The Committee will finalize its Climate Action programming at its next meeting which is scheduled for **June 13, 2022 at 5 PM at the Town Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,

Roy H. Merolli