

Climate Action Committee Minutes for June 14th, 2021

In attendance: Ellen Greer, Kait Logan, Roberta Longley, Cheryl Gayle, Devon O'Rourke, Jared Collins, Rich Bienvenue

Absent: Roy Merolli

Guest: Gary Senecal, Chair of the Eastham Recycling Committee

Start time: 5:02 pm

Public Comments:

None

Minutes:

- Unanimously approved
- The group agreed that going forward the minutes can be simplified to more of a general bullet point structure, noting important discussions, votes, and motions. While the detail of last week's minutes was helpful, especially for the first meeting of the committee, such detail is not required per the town guidelines.
- Confirmed that the Chair will send in the minutes once they are approved.

Town Staff Liaison Update *Rich Bienvenue*

- The town has to do some follow up with CVEC (Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative) in reference to the solar project. They've retained a consultant to develop the RFP.
- The town will officially be able to submit our application to be a "Green Community" on July 1st.

Review of Individual Strengths

- Committee members discussed their particular strengths, interests, and affinities.

Discuss and develop draft priorities for goals and work plan

- Committee discussed the idea of sourcing a consultant/facilitator who is an expert in designing work plans. Cheryl and Roberta both suggested individuals who may be willing to do that pro bono.
- Members unanimously decided that we should schedule an additional monthly meeting, the sole focus being the creation of the work plan.
- Entire committee agreed that Roberta Longley should reach out to Carol Harris, Chair of Truro's Climate Action Committee, and ask if she would be open to assisting us create a work plan.
- Rich Bienvenue offered to provide the group with a report that was done regarding low lying roads. The report evaluated the impact of sea level rise at various phases and how it might impact particular areas of Eastham. This report may help us develop part of the mitigation aspect of our work plan.

Outer Cape Climate Action Committee Meeting Update (multi-town meeting)

- Roberta, Cheryl, and Roy attended. Roberta provided an overview.
 - A lot of people at the meeting see this multi-town meeting as something that should be an ongoing goal.
 - There was not an agenda, but Roberta is confident that a future meeting will be much more focused on how we can all help each other.
 - Cheryl said that Carol Harris, the woman we are going to ask to help us, offered to help facilitate future multi-town meetings.

- Both Cheryl and Roberta agreed that as a committee we should stay connected with this group in some way and that it might be helpful to have a designated liaison. That person has not yet been established.

Recycling Committee Introduction- Gary Senecal

- Gary wanted to extend an invitation for our committee to participate or observe meetings. He expressed that we have similar overarching goals, that include lowering our overall carbon footprint and reducing climate change.
- He wants us to know that the group is open and willing to assist in our future projects and goals as they are established. Gary wanted to ensure that we keep a line of communication open between the two groups.

Other Business

- Cheryl wanted to ensure us that the members of our committee who are also on the Eastham Climate Action Network (ECAN) will not discuss business from our meetings. They may provide a brief update on our projects but there will be no inner discussion. If there is a possibility for a joint project they will handle appropriately. Right now it seems as though both groups are still establishing their priorities and once this is set we will be able to figure out how best to work together in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.

Next meeting date: **July 12th at 5pm, hybrid meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kait Logan