

## Eastham Climate Action Committee Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2023

**Members Present:** Roberta Longley (Chair), Cheryl Gayle, Tom McNellis, Olva Hegland, Roy Merolli, Mike Sarcione

**Guests:** Jerry Cerasale (CAC Select Board liaison), Gary Senecal (Recycling Committee liaison), Jack Hadley (remote)

### Administrative Matters:

- Roberta announced that Ellen Greer has completed her term and has chosen not to renew her appointment. Roberta thanked her and recognized Ellen for her successful efforts in working on composting which is now available at the town transfer station.
- Roberta announced that she, Jerry Cerasale, and Dee Mattfeldt from the Search Committee met with two strong candidates for the current vacancy. After deliberating, they have recommended John Boiney for appointment by the Select Board.
- Annual elections: Roberta facilitated a discussion and vote on the elections which needed to occur at this meeting. The following nominations were made: Cheryl nominated Roberta Longley as Chair with a second from Mike. Roberta nominated Tom McNellis as Vice Chair with a second from Mike. Roberta nominated Cheryl Gayle as Clerk with a second from Roy. Mike nominated the slate with a second from Roy. The vote was unanimous: 6-0.

**Public Comments:** Initially delayed and revisited when Jack Hadley joined by remote. After a brief discussion with him, he accepted an invitation to join the solar working group. Tom will follow up with him.

**Minutes:** Approved (5-0-1) as amended with a deletion.

**Staff update:** Jerry acknowledged that this is a highly active committee and encouraged us to keep doing what we are doing.

### Discussion:

- Agreed that Roberta will consult with the Town Manager to ensure that the CAC's work is fully aligned with the Selectboard's expectations.
- Strategic Plan/Climate Action Plan: Tom, Roberta and Roy are working on a draft for the Town Strategic Plan Update. The goal is to provide this committee with a solid draft recommendation at the August meeting. Roy is also a member of the Strategic Plan update committee.
- Solar Working Group: there will need to be a change in the membership of this work group to meet open meeting laws as John Boiney has been a community member and will now become a CAC member. Tom will follow up on this and consult as needed. Jerry reviewed the quorum requirements with the group. There was discussion regarding the Solar Homeowner Guide that was drafted by Mike. The group is focusing on three different approaches: residential, business, and municipal. There was discussion that Economic Justice is a priority in all our communications. There is a meeting scheduled with Rich Bienvenue, Asst. Town Administrator/Finance Director this Thursday as it appears that Rich is the point person for the Town's solar and related projects.

- Upcoming events:
  - \* COA Friday 7/14: Tom distributed a draft survey and basic information sheet on the CAC for review. Also discussed solar/EV handouts that Mike developed. Cheryl, Tom, and Roberta committed to this event. Gary stated that he also plans to attend.
  - \*Windmill Weekend/Saturday Sept. 9th: Gary has confirmed with Cape Light Compact that they are participating in this event and are requesting to be near the CAC table. Mike, Tom, and Roberta are taking the lead at this event. Mike suggested having a magnetic sticker for vehicles for supporting positive climate change actions. This could be available at this and other CAC events. This initiative requires follow-up with the Town regarding available financial resources etc. Mike is drafting a design.
  - \*Other events in the Fall: The solar working group is planning a community event, hoping for an October date. Follow up at the next meeting.
- North Eastham Village Center: Discussion of the recent article in the Provincetown Independent. Agreement that the CAC needs to follow up with the Town on next steps regarding net zero standards and other CAC recommendations for this project and associated projects. Further CAC discussion will be added as an item on the August meeting agenda.

#### **Other Business and Reports**

- Eastham Climate Action: GHG Emissions Inventory project: Reviewed and discussed the summary provided to us by Roberta. The results of this project will assist the Town as it moves forward in developing its Climate Action Plan.
- Mike reported on his attendance at the meeting regarding Eastham's Low Lying Roads study. It focused on a town owned road; not the state roads.
- Roberta shared that there is a possibility of a joint public event with Orleans on the topics of buildings, decarbonization, and the opt-in specialized building code. More information to follow.

**Scheduled next meeting: August 14, 2023 @ 5pm at Town Hall, In-person /remote participation.**

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Gayle, Clerk.