

Climate Action Committee Minutes July 11, 2022

Meeting held by Zoom

Committee Members in Attendance: Cheryl Gayle, Roberta Longley, Ellen Greer, Roy Merolli, Michael Sarcione

Guest: Gary Senecal, Chair Eastham Recycling Committee

Start time: 5:00 pm

Administrative Matters:

- Per Cheryl – Tom McNellis has submitted an application to join this committee. Due to multiple commitments, Devon O'Rourke has submitted his resignation. There are now two openings on this committee.
- Elections: Chair: Michael made a motion with a second from Cheryl for Roberta Longley. It was a unanimous vote 5-0-0. Roberta is the Chair. Vice Chair: Michael moved for Cheryl Gayle with a second from Ellen. It was a unanimous vote 5-0-0. Clerk: Cheryl made a motion for Ellen Greer with a second from Michael. It was a unanimous vote 5-0-0. In addition, Michael agreed to take minutes while he is able to attend in-person meetings.

Public Comments: Gary Senecal, Chair of the Eastham Recycling Committee spoke of how he is appreciative of the ongoing collaboration of these two committees. He is hoping that other Town committees will want to join in the collaboration.

Minutes: Minutes were accepted - a unanimous vote 5-0-0.

Master Planning Process: Roberta emailed the previously reviewed letter to the Master Planner firm via Lauren Barker with copies to Town Select persons, Town Administrator and other town staff. She received an email from Lauren Barker acknowledging receipt of the email with no further comments. This led to discussion of the need for outreach to other town committees regarding the CAC and its role, particularly in the area of climate action advocacy relating to the Master Planning Process. The goal is to complete this outreach prior to the next Master Planning meeting in October 2022, date TBD.

Updates/discussion:

- Compost Initiative - The Town is continuing to collect survey responses. They would like to increase the number of responses. Additional outreach includes the distribution of flyers which have a web based scan on it, distribution of hard copies at the COA, and hopefully the library's webpage. Discussed the possibility of outreach to members of the Non-Resident Taxpayers Association.
- Community Education Outreach - Roberta has confirmed Rich Delaney of the Cape Cod Climate Collaborative to be kick off speaker on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 6:30 at the Eastham Public Library. Ellen has confirmed Kristin Andres from the APCC for October 27. After discussion, it was agreed that Ellen would contact Kristin and ask her

to speak at the 2nd session on Thursday, October 20. The 3rd session on October 27th will be "Meet Your Town Climate Action Committee" which will include a panel presentation on the sharing of various ideas/actions of what residents are currently doing to make a difference and how we as individuals can make impactful changes. The additional goal is to listen to the various concerns of the attendees and solicit their involvement in various town activities.

- Windmill Weekend (9/9 -9/11) Cheryl and Gary Senecal agreed to work together to coordinate the Recycling and CAC committees' participation in this community event. Roy informed the CAC that Cape Light Compact has committed to participating with us on Saturday 9/10. Discussed needing to get a CAC Banner, story board, and other educational materials for this and future events. Cheryl will reach out to Lauren Barker who is the town liaison for Windmill Weekend.

Other Business:

- Committee's definition of Climate Change tabled to the next meeting.
- Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative - Cheryl attended their Zoom meeting on Tuesday, June 28th. Representatives from various town and advocacy committees shared the projects that are being worked on. The Collaborative stressed that they are a resource in helping committees get the word out. It was agreed to meet again; date TBD. Attendees were encouraged to visit the Collaborative's website for resources, posting our activities etc.
- Proposed letter re: EPA's electric school bus initiative: Roberta reviewed the email that was forwarded to us earlier today regarding an email that the Wellfleet Energy and Climate Action Committee sent to Paul Hilton of the Cape Cod Collaborative. This company services many of the Cape's school buses. The intent of the email is to encourage the CCC to take advantage of the EPA's rebate opportunities to purchase electric/hybrid school buses. It was requested that all of the Outer Cape towns send a similar communication. Our committee discussed this request. Mike informed us that Cape Destination services the Tech school in Harwich. He added that the Tech students are being trained to work on electric vehicles via a project with the City of Boston. There was a unanimous vote directing Roberta to send a similar email on behalf of this committee to the CCC.

Next meeting: Monday, August 8, 2022 at 5 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Mike, with a second by Roy. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.