

Climate Action Committee Minutes

August 8, 2022 / 5:00 PM /SM. CONFERENCE ROOM Eastham Town Hall

Attendees: Roberta Longley, Cheryl Gayle, Roy Merolli, Mike Sarcione, Ellen Greer

Guests; Gary Senecal, Tom McNellis (pending appt.)

Absent: Rich Bienvenue

Minutes: July 2022 minutes approved 5-0 vote.

Last Meeting Follow-up:

Committee currently has 2 vacancies, Tom McNellis to be appointed, leaving 1 vacancy of 7.

Updated public meeting rules - remote attendance continued until March 2023.

Roberta reports we may be able to get a Climate Action Committee web page to post our various activities and articles on climate. In addition, Search Committee is currently creating a new process for recruitment and the listing of committee vacancies with new program, OnBoard.

Discussed challenges of getting the word out. More digital and physical presence needed. Our minutes are current on the town website through June.

Staff Update: Roberta met with Rich; town has achieved Green Community status, waiting on State to announce.

Windmill Weekend Sept 10: Table on Saturday 10-4, Mike and Ellen to bring table chairs, Cape Light will be there hopefully with some giveaways. Mike working on banner, consensus was simpler the better, he will work on a pie chart and forward to committee, need 2 weeks from order to arrival.

Climate Change definition: a few versions and ideas were circulated; it was decided that an additional meeting should be held to formulate a cohesive definition for Eastham or possibly create a mission statement for our committee.

New Business:

From Recycling Comm:

Gary reported that the new chair Rick Leary met with Jacqui Beebe and Rich Bienvenue.

2 year contract starting 2024 will go to Covana, seen as good time to negotiate Swap shop in need of structural repairs or replacement.

New DPW superintendent John Roughly to start in Sept.

Discussion of state's new opt-in stretch code, completion of law is due by year's end, and if it would fit for Cape Cod.

Community Education speaker series in partnership with the Eastham Public Library. Confirmed dates:

Thursday, October 13 Rich Delaney, Executive Director, Cape Cod Climate Collaborative

Tuesday, October 25 Kristin Andres, Associate Director for Education and Informational Services, Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC)

Thursday, November 3 Meet Your Town Climate Action Committee

All presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Discussion: should we send a formal letter of invite to Select Board and Administration to attend the last session, also extend to state reps. Will discuss next meeting.

Roberta brought up the possibility of engaging a facilitator who could help our committee articulate goals and tasks for the upcoming year. After discussion, it was agreed that Roberta should follow up on scheduling a workshop for the fall.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next meeting: September 12, 2022, 5 p.m.

