

Eastham Climate Action Committee Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2023

Members Present: Roberta Longley (Chair), Cheryl Gayle, Tom McNellis, John Boiney, Mike Sarcione.

Remote Participation: Olav Hegland

Member Absent: Roy Merolli

Guests: Gary Senecal (Recycling Comm. Liaison), Jack Hadley (committee volunteer)

Administrative Matters:

Roberta has not yet heard back from Jacqui, Town Administrator regarding Mike Sarcione's interest in being appointed as the Eastham representative to the Cape and Vineyard Electric Collaborative (CVEC).

Public Comments:

Jack Hadley is going to share his comments during various discussions at the meeting.

Minutes: Tom moved to accept the minutes with a 2nd from John. Approved: 4-0-1.

Staff update: Shana was unable to attend this meeting.

Discussion:

- Solar Working Group:
 - * Mike reviewed the slide: Solar - Current State and Future Opportunities. This will be sent to committee members. Included in the discussion is the importance of environmental justice and having community solar available.
 - * Discussed Mike's paper titled Eastham Solar and Energy/Battery Homeowner Guide and the possibility of making it available on the CAC's resource section on the Town's website. Agreed that the paper's author is Mike with support from the CAC. Discussed the possibility of having an executive summary which could be available for distribution. Follow up at the October 16th meeting.
- Opt-In Specialized Code: Roberta had an initial meeting with Justin Post, Eastham's Building Commissioner. They discussed various issues related to the Opt-In Specialized Code and data resources. He expressed a willingness to meet with this committee. An ad hoc working group was established to work on this and make recommendations for the Spring 2024 Town meeting warrant. The working group members are Roberta, Olav, John, and Jack. The Ad Hoc working group was encouraged to have a follow up meeting with Justin.
- Upcoming events:
 - * COA Seaside Cafe - CAC is scheduled to attend the COA Seaside Cafe on September 24th. Mike and Gary volunteered for the September event. Volunteers will be needed for

October 30th. These once-a-month outreach opportunities are from 9-11 a.m. on the last Monday of the month. Tom attended a Café in August and said the conversations went very well.

* Windmill Weekend Sept. 9th Recap: The attendance might have been down from last year. Collected over twenty surveys. It was nice to be located next to the Recycling Committee and Cape Light Compact. Discussed whether there would be more walk-by traffic if the tables were located along the edge with other vendors etc. Agreed that this is an important event to participate in.

* Fall solar workshop, Saturday, October 28th: Slides reviewed the timeline/assigned tasks for the event preparation and the schedule of speakers etc. for the day. Copies of slides will be sent to all committee members. The Friends of the Eastham Library have agreed to donate the food expenses. Gary and Cheryl are attempting to reach out to the Green Club at Nauset H.S. We are hoping to have their support and volunteer participation at this event. This will be both a live and zoom event. Final review will happen at the October CAC meeting.

Other Business and Reports: None

Scheduled next meeting: October 16, 2023 @ 5pm at Town Hall, In-person /remote participation.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:34 pm

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Gayle, Clerk.