

Climate Action Committee
 Meeting Minutes
 December 22, 2022

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Present: Carol Harris, Rebecca Bruyn, Lili Flanders, Georgia Neill

Topic	Discussion	Action
12/8/22 Minutes	Minor changes to minutes	Approved with changes
Truro Talks	February – consider an article on what the town is doing or Mill Pond Road March- the Building Code	Carol to follow up with Emily-Jarrold, Lili offered to assist with Feb. article and write March article.
Annual Town Report	Discussion re what the CAC has worked on and accomplished in 2022. Several areas were discussed	Members to email Carol with their feedback. Carol to draft the article to review at the January 5 th meeting
Mill Pond Road	The letter of support for the DPW's approach to the road was reviewed. Much discussion re specifics in the letter. No urgent deadline. Fred expressed some concerns in the past, however, he's not present today.	Agreed to review again at next meeting when Fred is present
ReCharge America	Packet was emailed to Darren and Stephanie Rein to review last week. Position of the town remains pending re use of logo and being present at Hyannis EV event. Rebecca would like for us to be represented at the April Symposium as well. The role of the Outer Cape towns was discussed at the Outer Cape Climate Committee meeting this month. Goal is to make this an event that all Outer Cape towns can participate in.	Carol to send another email to Darren and Stephanie
The Budget	Carol continues to work on it.	More to come
Microgrids	Lili reported there is definitely money out there and a strong support for building microgrids. She and Bob continue in the research mode.	More to come

Flood Zone	Discussion postponed until Fred is in attendance	More to come
Whole Government Approach	Brian is working on how to respond to Darren's questions. Darren is in support of the concept.	More to come
Climate Coordinator Position	The job description was sent to Darren for review. One question was about time management in this position. Carol has asked members to keep track of time during the month of January to provide some feedback to Darren.	To be discussed in February
EV Charging Stations	Bob and Rebecca have regrouped on this topic to discuss next steps. Rebecca mentioned that the state may be planning to install Fast Charging stations every 50 miles along the main roadways. More to come on this. In the meantime, the focus continues to be talking with businesses.	Rebecca to contact Chamber of Commerce for further discussion and planning.
Climate Action Plan	Fred, Carol, Rebecca and Stephanie met last week to work on the plan. Having Stephanie at the meeting was helpful. It was decided that the next draft be brought to the SB for working meeting, and to be presented to other committees and departments for their input.	More to come
Next meeting	January 5 th at 10:30	

Respectfully submitted

Rebecca Bruyn

Climate Action Committee 2022 Annual Report

Carol Harris, Chair
Rebecca Bruyn, Member
Lili Flanders, Member
Fred Gaechter, Alternate

Georgia Neill, Volunteer
Stephanie Rein, Select Board Liaison
Emily Beebe, Town Hall Liaison

During 2022, the Climate Action Committee (CAC) continued to focus on ***outreach and education*** and continued work on the ***Climate Action Plan***.

We also believe that ***partnering*** with other groups will help us learn from others, save resources, and create a consistent message across the Outer Cape. While individual towns and organizations may have some differing goals, climate change doesn't recognize borders. What affects our neighbors affects us.

The CAC's biggest charge from the Select Board to is develop a ***community-wide climate action plan***. We began that plan this year by gathering information that we'll use to create the plan.

Climate Agent Position

- Researched climate agent and sustainability manager positions in Massachusetts
- Created a job description for a permanent, full-time climate change agent for Truro
- Reviewed the position with the Town Manager and Health and Conservation Agent

Outreach & Education

- Wrote monthly Truro Talks articles
- Staffed an information table at the Council on Aging, Truro Public Library, and Truro Landfill
- Developed climate information sessions to be held at the Truro Public Library in 2023

Partnering

- Worked with Recharge MA to participate in events about owning electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging
- Worked with Truro Public Library to develop information sessions and recommend climate change books
- Met with Truro Central Principal and School Superintendent to identify opportunities to work together
- Worked with Truro's Energy Committee on several initiatives
- Facilitated Outer Cape Climate Committees, a collaboration with Truro, Wellfleet, Eastham, and Orleans
- Worked with Cape Light Compact to promote their energy saving opportunities

Climate Action Plan

- Researched climate action plans
- Drafted a climate action plan for Truro that maps a series of actions for Truro to assess risk and develop actions to mitigate or adapt to the effects of climate change
- Conducted working sessions with the CAC and Select Board and Town Hall liaisons

We're looking for new members and welcome volunteers for specific activities. If you think you'd like to join us, attend a meeting or two. Also, one or two of us can meet with you, explain the work, and answer your questions.

You can check us out on the Truro town website at <https://www.truro-ma.gov/climate-action-committee>

Questions? Contact Truro's Climate Action Committee at climateaction@truro-ma.gov