

CAC Meeting Information

6/15/23

Truro Climate Action Committee

Summary of Goals 2022/23

Goal	Status
1. Develop a Climate Action Plan for Truro	
Draft a Climate Action Plan that will inform the municipality, residents, and businesses on actions to address climate change by obtaining input and review from Select Board, relevant boards and committees, residents, and businesses.	Worked through several iterations of the plan, reviewed with Stephanie Rein, final draft completed May 2023.
2. Promote EV Charging Stations for Businesses	
Educate business owners on the benefits of EV charging stations and on the EV charger installation process via information sheets and direct mailing.	Goal met. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Met with 3 businesses; one committed to installing chargers.• Created vendor list• Created 'how to' information sheet• Article in Chamber of Commerce newsletter• ReCharge MA certificate
3. Propose a Climate Change Agent for Truro	
Draft job description and submit to Town Manager, Health/Conservation Agent, DPW Director, Select Board, and other appropriate board/committee chairs for review and input.	Goal met. Position submitted to Town Manager.
4. Outreach & Education	
In-person information table at COA, Library, and other town buildings and events.	Goal met. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working with TCS principal & superintendent• Wrote articles for Truro Talks• Info table at COA, Library, and Transfer Station• 6 educational session at Library with XXX total attendees

Goal	Status
5. Create or Improve Existing CAC Webpage	
Webpage development to make a user-friendly resource for climate information.	No action.
6. Meet with Boards/Committee to Identify Climate Actions	
Conduct workshops with appropriate boards and committees to identify climate change responsibilities and decision-making	Reached out to several committees; little response.
7. Recommend a Whole Government Approach	
Recommend that town government implement a whole government approach to addressing climate change	Final draft of policy and implementation plan completed, waiting for input from EC.
8. Work with Cape Light Compact	
Work with Cape Light Compact to promote energy audits	Goal met. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cowrote Truro Talks articles • Lead info session at Library • Participated in info tables
9. Inform Select Board and Municipal Managers	
Inform Select Board and Municipal Managers about state roadmap, laws, and codes	Determined action wasn't feasible.
10. Write Articles for Truro Talks	
Write educational/information articles about addressing climate change in each issue of Truro Talks	Goal met. 12 articles submitted
11. Adopt Specialized Opt-In Energy Code	
Inform and engage citizenry, Town Government, other boards, and committees to participate in the stretch code adoption process and adoption of specialized opt-in code	Goal met. Opt-in code approved at 2023 Annual Town Meeting.
12. Make Article 17 of the 2020 Warrant Binding	
Educate and Engage citizenry, Town Government, other boards, and committees to make Article 17 of the 2020 Town Meeting Warrant binding policy at the 2023 Town Meeting	Postponed indefinitely.

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2023/24 Goals

1. *Complete* a Climate Action Plan for Truro
2. Promote EV Charging Stations for Businesses
3. Outreach: I recommend that we keep this goal but rewrite it to reflect that we've dropped info tables and have established a monthly info session with the library.
4. Create or Improve Existing CAC Webpage
5. Meet with Boards/Committee to Identify Climate Actions
6. Recommend a Whole Government Approach
7. Inform Select Board and Municipal Managers *on a Quarterly Basis*: Having just reread our charge, I understand that we're supposed to report quarterly to the SB. I recommend that we adopt a goal for 23-24 to do that.
8. Write Articles for Truro Talks
9. We've met this goal, for the most part, but has it been worth the time and energy? Does anyone actually read the articles?
10. I'd support dropping this goal and putting energies into library sessions, podcasts, and newspaper articles instead.
11. If we create our own website, we could have an archive of articles to read, which we could update at our own pace.
12. Create a Truro Earth Day event for 2024
13. Create a town event that promotes climate change awareness and links it to direct community action. Possible activities: a beach clean-up; trail maintenance; a CAC logo design competition (or unveiling of results); tree seedling give-away
14. Recommend a town Tree Ordinance
15. Recommend that trees felled on town properties be replaced by new plantings.
16. Research and recommend new plantings around existing town buildings to help reduce energy use and capture carbon.
17. Invite businesses to an educational session for installing charging stations
18. Build groups of residents to meet regularly on what can be done by individuals, maybe this can be developed in response to June's event?
19. Identify a few measures to monitor such as residential energy audits, solar installations, if possible, the number of registered EVs per year, is there a way to measure heat pump installations, etc., and to be flushed out further.....
20. Continue with an overall educational program that includes schools, residents, businesses
21. Research green burials to determine if this can be implemented in Truro
22. Incorporate climate equity (justice) into all of our climate actions
23. Pollution vs climate change: can we address pollution other than greenhouse gas emissions as the CAC?

