

TRURO CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

Minutes: for meeting on 9/13/2023, 10 AM - Noon

Location: Cobb Room, Truro Library

Present: Carol Harris, Lili Flanders, Rebecca Bruyn, Georgie Neil, Arozana Davis

Meeting minutes from 6/29/23: viewed and approved. Carol will submit to TH.

Phase One Climate Action Plan Summit: Carol is working with TH and SB and will keep CAC updated about particulars.

Library Sessions: The possibility of having Laura McKean from the Nat. Seashore come and talk was discussed, as was the idea of a session covering Truro's water-quantity & quality. A third suggestion was for a session about the effect of climate change on mental health. Carol will be in touch with Laura; Lili will contact APCC and Barnstable Co. to see about speakers who could address water issues, and Georgia will begin planning the mental health session. We'll report on advances at the next meeting.

Truro Talks: No articles planned at this time. Lili mentioned her neighborhood initiative to get residents to have small and medium-sized packages sent to the PO instead of delivered to homes, in order to reduce the delivery truck traffic (& emissions, noise, dust) on the dirt roads near her home. She'll track the participation in her neighborhood and its effect, as well as the impact on the PO and its staff. Could be a TT article in the future.

CAC Charge: Carol is working on a draft that she will share with the group for input, probably at the end of this year/early next.

Earth Day: Lili shared that the global theme for Earth Day 2024 is "Planet vs. Plastic." Arozana suggested she get in touch with Laura Ludwig at the Center for Coastal Studies, who tracks the plastic found on Outer Cape beaches. Georgia also suggested getting in touch with the Truro Central School about coordinating curriculum/projects with the Earth Day activities. Lili will reach out to Laura and Patrick at TCS, as well as library staff, and report back.

CAC Update to SB: Carol will provide a CAC update to the SB in December.

Climate Action Data Monitoring: Rebecca will continue to gather EV & solar data.

Stretch Goals: Georgia was in touch with Holly Gardener, the cemetery commissioner, and found out that green burials are possible in certain cemeteries in Truro, as well as on private property, with the proper permits.

Eastham Solar Day: Rebecca mentioned that attending the Eastham Library event could be a good way to share our committee's activities and advertise our library sessions. Carol will find out if the event is open to all Outer Cape town residents, or only Eastham. Rebecca & Lili will consider going.

DPW Ad Hoc Committee: Though interested in giving input to the ad hoc committee on an as-needed basis, no one on CAC feels that she has the time or energy for full time involvement. Carol will write a letter to Jarrod Cabral and the SB explaining our decision.

New Actions and Updates: We briefly discussed a modest budget for supplies, such as "business" cards that we could hand out at outreach and education events, as well as materials for library sessions and Earth Day. Arozana gave suggestions for applying for a budget. Rebecca mentioned a recent email sent by the EC to the SB regarding the Whole Government Approach. In it, the CAC was cited as having approved portions of the document that CAC had not approved as they now appear. Carol will write to Brian Boyle and ask that we be given until after our next meeting to read, discuss and vote on having CAC as co-sponsor of the current WGA proposal.

Next Agenda addition: Discuss and vote on WGA proposal.

Adjourned: noon

Respectfully submitted by: Lili Flanders