

# CAC Meeting Info

9/29/22

Climate Action Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 15, 2022

Members Present: Carol Harris, Chair, Rebecca Bruyn, Fred Gaechter, Lili Flanders  
Guests: Jarrod Cabral  
Town Liaison: Emily Beebe

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	Reviewed, typos corrected, all approved	None at this time
Public Comment	None at this time	
Presenter	Jarrod Cabral, DPW Director, attended the meeting to present the 4 proposed options for Mill Pond Road. Much discussion ensued. Overview of land areas were shown to identify specific needs and outcomes. At end of presentation, those CAC members in attendance all agreed to support the efforts for one of the breach options. Jarrod requesting a letter of support be written and be part a packet he's putting together for the SB. The key change that is supported by the CAC is the impact the breach will have on Mill Pond; <i>increasing an area for sequestration, or carbon capture</i> . Other impacts such as increase in shellfish, not having to repair the road periodically, etc. Education for the public will be needed to help residents understand the value of a "no breach" option.	More to come
EV charging Stations	Rebecca asked Jarrod if the town will be installing additional EV charging stations. He said yes at the following locations: Community Center, Beach Office, Truro Center Road, Beach Point and another one at Town Hall. Eversource is still working on their "Make Ready" program. Rebecca shared with him that we're working with 2 businesses; Top Mast and Vineyards but summer has been very busy. Time for an update	Rebecca and Fred will contact the businesses and bring an update to next meeting.
Truro Talks articles	Some revisions made to October article.	Carol to email TT October article to town

	<p>Discussion re how best to tackle TT articles. For example; Format vs style, etc.</p> <p>All agreed to the following;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Write a draft and email to all members/volunteers <b>prior</b> to the next meeting,</li> <li>2. Members/volunteers email writer with suggested changes to the draft</li> <li>3. Email the revised draft to Carol in a timely fashion to be able to include in the packet for final review by CAC.</li> </ol>	
Article 53	<p>Carol had sent draft of the letter to SB to Brian Boyle/EC who wants to wait to see what the state building code will be before taking further steps. EC would like for CAC to begin educating residents/businesses on pending new building codes while EC plans to meet with builders. The CAC was told not to talk with staff, such as the Building Inspector, to bring him into the conversation. All agreed that he may need education on building to net zero.</p>	<p>Carol to reach out to Stephanie re next steps and invite Brian to a CAC meeting</p>
Outer Cape Climate Committee	<p>Has decided to meet quarterly and rotate facilitator/note taker and use this as a time to share projects that the towns are working on, and possibly pull resources together, as needed.</p>	<p>Next meeting will be in December</p>
Info tables	<p>Lili reported that only 3 people stopped at the table during the 2 hours. She suggested we consider developing planned educational sessions for residents so we're ensured we have an interested audience.</p>	<p>More to come</p>
Climate Coordinator Position	<p>Carol sent draft to Emily, Jarrod, Stephanie and Darren. Will want to continue to move quickly to get this position in place either through an article on a warrant or through a budgetary process</p>	<p>More to come</p>
Reviewing Goals	<p>Everyone to review for next meeting</p>	
Next meeting	<p>September 29 at 10:30</p>	

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Bruyn



## **Truro Climate Action Committee**

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# **Truro Climate Action Committee Goals: 2022/23**

## **1. Goal: Develop a Climate Action Plan for Truro**

**Description:** 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.

**Assigned to:** Carol, Fred, Rebecca

**Resources Required:** Select Board, Town Manager, municipal department heads, board and committee members, residents, businesses, Cape Cod Commission

**Estimated Completion:** Draft completed January 1, 2023, or earlier

**Key Performance Indicator:** 1<sup>st</sup> draft completed by August 2022, Final draft completed and submitted to SB by January 2023

## **2. Goal: Promote EV Charging Stations for Businesses**

**Description:** Educate business owners on the benefits of EV charging stations and on the EV charger installation process via information sheets and direct mailing.

**Assigned to:** Bob, Rebecca

**Resources Required:** Town Hall to provide mailing lists for either print or electronic mailer.

**Estimated Completion:** Email May 15, follow up with businesses June 15

**Key Performance Indicator:** Two charging sites installed by end of 2022

### 3. Goal: Propose a Climate Change Agent for Truro

**Description:** 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.

**Assigned to:** Rebecca, Carol

**Resources Required:** Town Manager, Health/Conservation Agent, DPW Director, Select Board, and other appropriate board/committee chairs

**Estimated Completion:** Fall 2022

**Key Performance Indicator:** Draft of position completed by CAC

### 4. Goal: Outreach

**Description:** In-person information table at COA, Library, and other town buildings and events.

**Assigned to:** Rebecca, all

**Resources Required:** Banner/sign, printed CAC climate change information

**Estimated Completion:** On-going

**Key Performance Indicator:** Increase subscribers by ~50% from baseline of 72 subscribers in January 2022 to ~150 by end of 2022

### 5. Goal: Create or Improve Existing CAC Webpage

**Description:** Webpage development to make a user-friendly resource for climate information.

**Assigned to:** Carol

**Resources Required:** Webpage design, webpage administrator

**Estimated Completion:** December 2022

**Key Performance Indicator:** Feasibility research conducted by December 2022

## 6. Goal: Meet with Boards/Committees to Identify Climate Actions

**Description:** Conduct workshops with appropriate boards and committees to identify climate change responsibilities and decision-making

**Assigned to:** Carol, All

**Resources Required:** Board of Health, Building Committee, Council on Aging, Economic Development Committee, Finance Committee, Local Comprehensive Plan Committee, Pamet Harbor Committee, School Board, Walsh Property Community Planning Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals

**Estimated Completion:** On-going

**Key Performance Indicator:** Meet with a minimum of six committees by December 2022

## 7. Goal: Recommend Whole Government Approach

**Description:** Recommend that town government implement a whole government approach to addressing climate change

**Assigned to:** Bob, Fred

**Resources Required:** Select Board, Town Manager, appropriate department heads to review and determine how to implement

**Estimated Completion:** June

**Key Performance Indicator:** Five committees support this approach

Added to LCP , SB, and Town Manager goals or otherwise codified to be Town Policy

## 8. Goal: Work with Cape Light Compact

**Description:** Work with Cape Light Compact to promote energy audits

**Assigned to:** Bob, Rebecca

**Resources Required:** Cape Light Compact

**Estimated Completion:** On-going

**Key Performance Indicator:** Increase requests for audits of residential buildings from 23% as of January 2022 to 50% by December 2022

## 9. Goal: Inform Select Board & Municipal Managers

**Description:** Inform Select Board and Municipal Managers about state roadmap, laws, and codes

**Assigned to:** Bob, Fred

**Resources Required:**

**Estimated Completion:** June 2022

**Key Performance Indicator:** TBD

## 10. Goal: Write Articles for Truro Talks

**Description:** Write educational/information articles about addressing climate change in each issue of Truro Talks

**Assigned to:** Carol, All

**Resources Required:** CAC members

**Estimated Completion:** On-going

**Key Performance Indicator:** Article written every month

## 11. Adopt Specialized Opt-In Energy Code

**Description:** 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

**Assigned to:** Bob, All, EC

**Resources Required:** EC commitment, several Truro Talks articles, SEMASS green communities' coordinator assistance

**Estimated Completion:** July 1, 2022, draft finalized, January 1, 2023, implementation starts

**Key Performance Indicator:** CAC and SB submit comments during public comment period before July1 deadline (TBD by DOER) or after the proposed draft is released, whichever comes first. Truro opts in to specialized code

## 12. Goal: Make Article 17 of the 2020 Warrant Binding

**Description:** 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

**Assigned to:** Bob, Rebecca, All

**Resources Required:** EC commitment, several Truro Talks articles, TPTRA outreach

**Estimated Completion:** September 2022

**Key Performance Indicator:** 2023 Warrant Article