

Energy and climate action committees in Truro, Wellfleet, Eastham and Orleans have decided to work together to mitigate climate change.

"The goal is not to have everybody reinvent the wheel separately, but to try to figure out what things we can do together," said Carol Harris of Truro, who is facilitating the regional group, in an interview with the Banner. "We can get more accomplished if we're all working together.

The new group, called Outer Cape Climate Committees, met for its second meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, Sept 7. The next meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, with a link for public participation on the town of Truro website.

At the Sept. 7 meeting, Suzanne Ryan and Mary Carol Magenau, both of Wellfleet, read their own drafts of a committee mission statement, and agreed to work together to combine them by the October meeting.

The committee plans to identify a subgroup to work on a region-wide educational campaign. The towns worked together on a similar project in 2018 and hope to update their presentations on topics like solar panels, battery storage and electric vehicles.



Truro Climate Action Committee Chairwoman Carol Harris *Provided By Carol Harris*

The town of Truro sent Harris, who chairs the town Climate Action Committee; James Nash and Brian Boyle from the town Energy Committee; and Robert Higgins-Steele who is seated on both.

Wellfleet sent three members of its Energy and Climate Action Committee: Ryan, Magenau and the committee chairman, Richard Elkin. Eastham Climate Action Committee Chairwoman Cheryl Gayle attended with alternate member Devon O'Rourke, while Orleans was represented by town Renewable Energy/Wind Committee members Paul Cass and Susan Chandler.