



TOWN OF TRURO

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Date: July 23, 2019
From: Select Board
To: Climate Action Committee

In accordance with the Truro Town Charter, Chapter 6-4-4, and in response to April 30, 2019 Town Meeting, Article 17's motion to establish a Climate Action Committee, the Select Board voted to enact the following Charge:

Climate Action Committee

The Climate Action Committee's primary focus will be to investigate, study, and make recommendations to the Select Board on:

- ◆ The carbon footprint of all Town-owned facilities and equipment.
- ◆ Methods for minimizing the Town's carbon footprint.
- ◆ The Town's vulnerabilities to the consequences of climate change.
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The Climate Action Committee will also maintain communications with the Truro Energy Committee, as well as with other Climate Committees in Barnstable County, and with county and state commissions, to ensure that Truro works effectively with the wider community in achieving the above Town goals.

The Climate Action Committee may also recommend to the Select Board whatever actions are necessary to implement the Town's commitment to the U.S. Mayors' Cities Climate Protection Agreement, and, if approved, take such actions, including:

- ◆ To prepare a baseline study of the greenhouse gas emissions of the entire town of Truro, including municipal, residential, institutional, and commercial sectors, in concert with the Truro Energy Committee.
- ◆ To prepare a baseline study of Truro's vulnerabilities to the consequences of climate change that builds on work initiated by staff and regional efforts.
- ◆ To prepare recommendations outlining the specific policies necessary to achieve carbon reduction and vulnerability mitigation goals, for the approval of the Select Board, in concert with the Truro Energy Committee as appropriate.
- ◆ To conduct public education and outreach to residents, homeowners, business, and other stakeholders about Truro's carbon footprint and its climate vulnerabilities.
- ◆ To provide meaningful options for individuals to reduce carbon footprint, including options for groups and/or neighborhoods.
- ◆ To draft a community-wide climate action plan for Truro that sets short and long-term goals for reducing Truro's carbon footprint and its climate vulnerabilities to the maximum extent practical.
- ◆ To provide an annual report for inclusion in the Annual Town Report describing its efforts and accomplishments.

Committee Structure and Term

The Climate Action Committee will include five (5) citizen members-at large with one alternate member. Staff will be assigned as deemed appropriate by the Town Manager. The Committee is authorized to seek outside expert advice. If funding is deemed necessary, in support of the Committee, an expense budget should be submitted in advance to Town Manager for inclusion in the budget presentation.

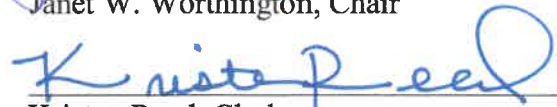
This is to be a Standing Committee that will serve indefinitely and will provide quarterly progress reports to the Select Board.



Janet W. Worthington, Chair



Maureen Burgess, Vice-Chair



Kristen Reed, Clerk



Robert Weinstein



Susan Areson

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