

Truro Climate Action Hybrid Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 1-3 PM

Attendees: Carol Harris (remotely), Rebecca Bruyn, Lili Flanders, Mark Gebhardt, Georgia Neill, Emily Beebe

Public Comment: none

Updates from committee members:

Rebecca shared her draft of a Truro Talks article, which includes data about EVs, solar arrays and business participation in a Cape Light Compact initiative. Attendees gave editorial suggestions. Rebecca will make changes and submit the article to Katie for inclusion in April Truro Talks.

Georgia volunteered to put together a June library solar event geared toward parttime Truro residents. She will reach out to Justine about scheduling and contact solar experts who could be presenters.

Georgia shared her experience of participating in a remote Climate Fresk experience, which she found somewhat disappointing. Instead of pursuing a remote or live workshop in Truro at this time, Rebecca recommended that we make information available to residents who might be interested in pursuing a Fresk experience on their own.

Lili updated the group on the status of the MVP F25 Action Grant, as well as the Climate Leaders application, which she's been working on in coordination with the Energy Committee and the Health & Conservation office. The MVP grant application is due on April 24th and the Climate Leaders application is due in July. At this point, work is progressing well enough that the application team is confident about meeting both those deadlines.

Discuss other immediate business:

Carol offered suggestions and the group discussed talking points for presenting the Climate Action Coordinator article at Town Meeting.

Carol reminded us that though the Climate Action Plan has been written, it still needs to be implemented. We will review the plan and map out next steps at 4/16/24 meeting.

Mark shared his experience of trying to navigate the Truro website in an effort to gather information about the CAC and we discussed ways to streamline getting information to residents.

Respectfully submitted by:
Lili Flanders

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2023/24 Goals

The Climate Action Committee goals for 2023/24 focus on the charge to create a climate action plan and on the charge to educate homeowners and business owners on reducing carbon emissions.

The intent of *Phase 1 Climate Action Plan* is to identify where Truro is most vulnerable, so that actions are focused on mitigation of or adaptation to higher-impact risks. Outreach actions are largely on-going and focus on providing information to homeowners and business owners so that they can support town actions/policies as well as take their own actions.

Prioritized Goals	Key Performance Indicator (what constitutes success/completion)	Lead
1. Complete <i>Phase 1 Climate Action Plan</i> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reviewed by Select BoardResources assigned by Select Board	Carol
2. Outreach: continue to develop climate info sessions at the Truro Public Library that inform residents and business owners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify topics and speakersSchedule and deliver sessions	Rebecca Lili
3. Review/update the charge for the Climate Action Committee (including incorporate climate equity and pollution vs climate change).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Submit draft to Select Board	Carol
4. Create a Truro Earth Day event for 2024.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Set goal(s) and benefitsIdentify components/contentIdentify resourcesDetermine feasibility	Lili
5. Address Phase 1 Climate Action Plan Feasibility Assessments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Determine feasibility of carpooling/ride sharingAssess EV charging stationsAssess public property for planting trees for shading/coolingIdentify affordable renewable energy sources	CAC

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On-Going Responsibilities	Key Performance Indicator <i>(what constitutes success/completion)</i>	Lead
6. Provide updates to Select Board about climate actions twice a year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit in June and December 	Carol
7. Continue to submit articles for Truro Talks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit eight or nine per year 	Carol
8. Identify a few measures to monitor, such as residential energy audits, solar installations, the number of registered EVs per year, etc., as a way to measure climate responses in Truro.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine goal/purpose/benefits • Identify specific sources of available data • Establish periodic reporting 	Rebecca
Stretch Goals <i>(if time allows)</i>	Key Performance Indicator <i>(what constitutes success/completion)</i>	Lead
9. Research and recommend new plantings around existing town buildings to help reduce energy use and capture carbon.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify best species for shading and carbon capture • Identify costs • Identify resources required to plant and maintain 	Lili
10. Determine feasibility of creating residents' groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify goal(s) and benefits • Identify on-going support requirements 	Rebecca
11. Research green burials to determine if this can be implemented in Truro.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research requirements • Identify benefits • Determine feasibility 	Carol & Georgia