

Truro Climate Action Committee Meeting Minutes 1/7/2021

Present: Bob Higgins-Steele, Carol Harris, Eric Mays, Fred Gaechter, Stephanie Rein

Topic	Action
12,8 minutes 12/21 meeting notes	12/21 Approved 12/8 outstanding
No Public comment	
<p>Updates: Fred Ecosystems joint CAC and Truro Conservation Trust Truro tree/ native planting discussed.</p> <p>The Parameters- no cost water on site or easily accessible The site is accessible to the public.</p> <p>The original site across from the bandstand in Truro center owned by the Conservation Trust doesn't have water. Other sites were discussed i.e. Municipal or state property, Depot Road Truro Conservation Trust property</p> <p>The elementary school has insufficient property area.</p> <p>The quasi park area on Rte 6 before Stott's Crossing (across from the Outer Reach Motel) is accessible but also has no water. This is Truro Conservation Trust Land and State land</p> <p>The Walsh property - The Walsh property Committee is not yet empaneled.</p> <p>Fred also reported on the Tree cutting bylaw project with the planning board. The interim town planner, Barbara Huggins Carboni, has been very helpful. Fred's work with Jack Riemer his planning board counterpart is going well. Fred and Jack are looking at other municipalities' tree cutting bylaws to find one applicable to Truro</p> <p>Re Land acquisition and management: The Town, Conservation Trust or other organizations should work to acquire all property abutting wetlands in anticipation of Sea level rise</p> <p>Bob to see if there are chapter 61 (agriculture) or 61A (forestry) properties in Town that may abut wetlands as municipalities have right of first refusal at point of sale (Call assessor)</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Bob to call assessor</p>

<p>Carol reported on her meeting with Darren, the new town manager, and Kelly, the current assistant town manager. It was very productive. Data gathering protocol discussion ensued.</p> <p>The CAC is to submit succinct requests for Town department data to the TM and copy the assistant TM.</p> <p>Carol also addressed the CAC pending requests.</p> <p>Re Net Zero Stretch Code Bob is to reach out to the building commissioner for his opinion on the EZ Stretch Energy Code within the</p>	<p>Bob is to contact the building commissioner</p>
<p>Distribute Climate Action Information at Library</p>	<p>Carol and/or Fred to contact Librarian</p>
<p>GHG inventory: Eric has done fantastic work with the spreadsheet. We are awaiting data access from the Town, Bob to list and submit to Carol. see above</p> <p>The Committee agreed we must get as much data as possible for the GHG emission inventory e.g. Beach permits from the Beach office may help determine the number of seasonal vehicles. No one volunteered or. Assigned.</p> <p>Could a voluntary survey resident fuel use and combustion appliances be mailed with tax bill or Town census as propane and oil use data are not available? This was broached last year and we missed the cut offs for mailing.</p>	<p>Bob Submit data requests to Carol</p> <p>No Action on survey</p>
<p>Carol asked for feedback on CAC annual report. Fred may input more CAC actions and accomplishments. Carol and Fred will discuss this.</p>	<p>Carol, Fred</p>
<p>Up Dates by CAC members:</p> <p>Bob suggests Committee members support the Climate Bill on governor Baker's desk as private citizens as the SB doesn't meet until after the January 14th signing deadline.</p> <p>Support for a net zero design bylaw for all new municipal building construction (Next Town meeting?)</p>	<p>It was decided that the CAC should concentrate on what we are doing now.</p>
<p>Agenda for next meeting set</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>No votes requested or taken this meeting. Meeting Adjourned</p>	<p>All</p>

Respectfully submitted by Bob Higgins-Steele

