

# **Truro Climate Action Committee Minutes 1/21/2021** **Meeting Agenda**

**Attendees:** Bob Higgins-Steele, Carol Harris, Emily Beebe, Eric Mays, Stephanie Rein

Topic	Action
12/8 not submitted 1/7 meeting notes approved as noted	
<p>Update task list:</p> <p>Emily Beebe updated the Committee on the status of the 4 town (Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown) Shorefront management planning process. The regional group has been awarded a 2 year CZM Coastal Resiliency grant to assess and evaluate management requirements/conflicts/successes on the bay side coastline. This phase 2 project is being done with the Center for Coastal Studies. The survey should be complete June 30, 2022.</p> <p>Emily also updated the Committee on Wastewater and nitrate loading information being gathered by the Board of Health. The Town is reaching out to 100 households requesting access to private well testing data to understand the nitrate loading of water. (Actually, what I said was that as party of the study the Town seeks to test about 100 private wells in the Pilgrim Pond recharge area to understand what the nutrient levels are in GW heading to the Pond.</p> <p>The Board of Health is looking at wastewater management planning to protect the Pamet, the Municipal water supply, Pond village and Beach Point. Emily will keep us updated periodically if we wish.</p> <p>Both initiatives are important information, which will give the CAC additional data on the effects of sea level rise effects of storm surge, erosion etc.</p> <p>Discussed the CAC using the privately run Truro Newsletter Town Newsletter for educational outreach. The committee is not comfortable with this currently. No action taken, wait and see.</p> <p>Perhaps the CAC can reach out through the Town Manager's Weekly report.  Stephanie sends the committee members a copy of the Town Manager's report  Questions raised: How do we access Town Manager's report? Would it be a good place for outreach by CAC? TBD</p> <p>Green House Gas inventory:</p> <p>Eric is doing a stellar job on the GHG inventory. He would like access to the municipal fuel use for building and transportation. Bob concurs on the importance of this. This information rests within the DPW . Motor vehicle registration data is also needed. Bob Motor requested vehicle</p>	<p>See line items</p>

Bob Higgins-Steele

Office of Town Clerk  
Treasurer – Tax Collector  
9:37 AM  
NOV 22 2021  
Received TOWN OF TRURO  
ADS

registration data last year at this time pre-Covid. We were told by the Town Manager that the Clerk's office was too busy with budgetary preparation to furnish the data at that time, then Covid hit. Carol Will follow up with another request.

It is agreed that easier access to Town departments for the inventory and input into the Climate action plan would facilitate our efforts. There is a request pending. Carol will follow up on this also.

Bob is Truro's alternate to the Cape Light Compact (CLC) Board of directors.

CLC is both a resource for and a stakeholder in the Town's Climate Action Plan. Bob spoke with Maggie Downey about CLC's charge from the state.

Bob suggests that Maggie from Cape Light Compact present to the new Town Manager, assistant Town Manager and SB. She could briefly explain to the Town CLC's structure as a state sanctioned entity formed by a Joint Powers Agreement among 20 towns of Cape Cod. In short Truro is the CLC and the CLC is Truro. As Truro's representative on the CLC board of directors Bob would like to be sure that the Town understands that Truro can recommend or reach out on behalf of CLC for Energy Audits or services, by right.

Stephanie said the CLC recently presented to the Town. We are not sure what the meeting was about. The Town most recently updated its status with this Joint Powers agreement in 2017.

Stretch Code: Bob had a productive with the building commissioner and sent him the two proposed codes.

Eric initiated a discussion of Kelp farming on the Bay side. We agreed that it was a good off-season activity for fisherfolk, especially as it occurs in their off-season. They also have some of the necessary equipment- boats. It might be a good area for future economic growth as long as entanglement risks are minimal. No concrete data on that. Stephanie said she would keep us apprised on what farmers might be doing through her contacts at sustainable Cape and the farmer's market people. Noted for future consideration

Public comment

none

Review CAC's update in the Annual Town Report

Approved for submission

We had a preliminary discussion of the agenda for our 1/28 working session  
Comments: Many audiences. A bit overwhelming. It will take a few drafts. We all agree to read the document and prepare comments for the work session.

Read, prepare comments

Set agenda for next meeting      Adjourned

Bob Higgins-Steele

