

Truro Climate Action Committee
Meeting Minutes 11/22/21

Carol Harris
3/30/22

Present: Carol Harris, Bob Higgins-Steele, Rebecca Bruyn, Eric Mays, Fred Gaechter
Guest: Denise McLaughlin

Topic	Discussion/Action
Review of Minutes	Will review last meeting minutes at the next meeting
No public comment	
December Truro Talks	<p>Carol drafted an article that outlines what the CAC has accomplished during CY 2021. This was approved after a couple of revisions.</p> <p>Discussion re how best to utilize the town newsletter. All agreed that it will be used to 1. report out, 2. educate and 3. ask citizens to engage in climate action activities in their lives.</p> <p>Going forward during CY2022 the article content will provide more in-depth information that the CAC will be working on.</p>
Whole Government Approach Statement	<p>Discussed where this statement should reside. All agreed that it be 1. part of the Local Comprehensive Plan and 2. embedded in the Select Board's annual goals and objectives.</p> <p>It may be too late to add this to this year's SB goals/objectives but we will need to keep this in the forefront for the following year. Carol to reach out to Chris Clark from the LCPC to schedule a meeting with the CAC. More to come</p>
Cape Light Compact	<p>Bob asked if this committee would be willing to work with the CLC in some of their town specific initiatives. This generated a discussion re how CLC targets some of their initiatives.</p> <p>Bob and Carol to reach out to CLC to determine best ways the CAC can support/participate in CLC programs. More to come</p>
EV Charging Stations	<p>First and foremost; Thank you to Eric Mays (!) for developing the EV Charging Station document/roadmap that the CAC can use when talking with businesses. It will be a very valuable tool moving forward with this initiative.</p> <p>On 11/16/21, Bob, Fred and Rebecca met with the owners of Top Mast to begin the conversation on installing EV stations. They shared with us that they had 4 guests this summer ask where they could charge up their cars. Knowing that this will become an increasing expectation of their customers, we all agreed to work together so as we can all learn what it takes for a business to invest in EV charging stations. Owners to schedule meetings with vendors to which CAC members can attend.</p> <p>Next step is to meet with vendors.</p> <p>Fred suggested that we write a cover letter to all hotel/motel businesses along Shore Road to introduce the idea of investing in EV charging stations and to include Eric's roadmap. All agreed this would be something the CAC could work on.</p> <p>Rebecca, Bob and Fred take the lead on this.</p>

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Energy Committee Update	Bob reported that he and Jim Nash from EC have begun working on the town building inventory. More to come
Conservation Trust Update	Fred reported that the High Head conservation land initiative is ready to move forward on developing a trail and how would the CAC like to participate in having a presence there. Rebecca suggested taking a look at that sequester carbon so see if there are any on the property after removing invasive plantings.
Outreach Tables	Entering winter months too cold to meet at the Transfer Station. Will need to be indoors where residents frequent. Rebecca will work on a schedule, similar to how Bob organized the Farmer's Market. The table can be at the Community Center/Library. Goal is to distribute surveys, hand out information sheets on the CAC and provide information to residents on how to sign up online to receive minutes, agendas and announcements More to come
Scheduling workshops	Conservation Commission – December 9 th during the CAC meeting Planning Board Committee- Carol working on scheduling a meeting CAC Retreat to draft the plan – yet to be determined.
Meeting Adjourned	Next meeting December 9th

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