

**Action Committee Climate Minutes** March 17, 3022

*Carol Harris*  
*3/31/22*

**Present:** Carol Harris Rebecca Bruyn, Fred Gaechter, Bob Higgins-Steele, Stephanie Rein, Bob Weinstein ( end of meeting)

No Public present

Stephanie Rein, our liaison, spoke about the proposed Planning Board articles that were submitted to the CAC for review and support.

The committee tabled discussing the articles pending a final draft.

Fred suggests what we look at the impact of bylaws or actions for unintended consequences on other projects.

Fred pointed out the potential limitations that a bylaw limiting the percentage of impermeable surfaces to 30% would have on the amount of housing that could be developed on the Walsh property

3/3/2022 minutes approved.

We discussed a letter of support for an EV course at the Technical High School.  
The letter was edited, and approved with edits,

The Committee discussed adding support for the opt-in specialized energy code to the Committee's goals.

Carol moved to educate and inform the municipality, businesses, and residents to the advantages of adopting the stretch code. Vote was unanimous.

This is an education action. **Bob will take the lead.**

**The Committee will develop a strategy to educate the Town and its residents.**

**Education will include what the code is and its advantages to the Town.**

**Bob will prepare educational materials for distribution.** He proposes several Truro talks articles and perhaps some meetings.

The Committee discussed the EV charging documents. **Carol will add an introduction to the cover document and edit it. Carol will edit the "Provisioning" document also.**

The Town will need to review and approve the emailing before it is sent out.  
Carol will prepare formatting edits for the 3/31 meeting.

Discussed meeting in person. The committee will take a wait-and-see approach.

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Carol will engage with the Truro Part time Residents Association. Possible interactions:

- We could solicit the TRPTA for members.
- A brainstorming session .
- Bob suggests outreach as part of the initial contact. .Carol will include an example of the kind of action that the CAC would like the TPTRA to partner with like encouraging CLC audits

Carol will finalize the April Truro talks article about native plants and carbon sequestering trees.

Updates:

It is important to interact with the Fincomm

Should we accelerate meeting with other committees?

Can we compress the timeline for meeting with other committees? Carol is concerned with the Committee's bandwidth

Select Board Chair Bob Weinstein joins the meeting. The Committee and Chair Weinstein discussed educating the Select Board about the climate law, Roadmap, and related documents. There does not seem to be guidance from the state as to what the state must do, how the state proposes to do it, and what municipalities' responsibilities are regarding these documents.

SB chair asks CAC to coordinate more with the EC and the building department. He would like to see informational literature at the building department regarding low carbon, energy efficient buildings.

SB chair would like more charging stations and increased funding to add more buses for workers during the tourist season.

SB chair would like the CAC to help the SB develop policy for achievable short-term goals like a handout at the building dept.

CAC would need to contact TM for approval when our actions impact Town Staff time. Example: Passing out a flyer at the building department.

SB chair will advocate for a joint CAC and SB meeting to work on short term achievable, policy objectives

Carol will cover April 5 the library table for Rebecca, if Rebecca can't make it.

Some table goals:

- Getting a CLC energy audit
- Letting people know what the CAC is doing
- Getting members for the Committee.

Outreach for signs on display at high head will be on the 3/31 Agenda

Meeting Adjourned

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