

**Climate Action Committee Climate Minutes April 14, 2022**

**Present:** Carol Harris Rebecca Bruyn, , Bob Higgins-Steele

**Public present Jon Slater**

Jon Slater presented the net zero construction standard warrant article for the ATM.

The Committee lauded his initiative. The Committee pointed out that it was already working toward this goal. Committee also noted that it would have preferred engagement with the committee before or while the warrant article was being written.

There was concern that there was no mention of broader involvement by other Committees, and that there were conflicting versions of the article.

Jon is open to do volunteer work for the committee. Jon left.

The Committee was not supportive of the article's current iteration.

**Action:** Chair Harris will draft a list of points to mention should the committee's input be requested at Town Meeting

Previous **Meeting Minutes** approved

**Whole government approach (WGA)** document, original title "Succinct whole government approach" was amended changing "plan" to "approach". Added "boards and Committees" after departments.

Full Text:

Full Document in Appendix below

**Approved again unanimously**

**Moved and approved** to request meeting w/ TM and department heads (no date set). The intent is codification through the LCP, SP policy, or a Charter Amendment These were defined as codification avenues in Spring 2021

**Action :**Chair Harris will contact the TM asking for a meeting with him and/ or the department heads.

The Wellfleet section of the document , originally titled "Expanded Whole government approach": was to be part of their LCP, to comply with their Global Covenant of Mayors requirements and as an interim CAP

Vice Chair Higgins-Steele and Member Gaechter will continue to adapt and flesh out the Wellfleet section for Truro

The goal Leads into a work plan by Town departments on a by department level

The committee prefers that Department Heads define the metrics for successfully implementing this approach. The CAC can't define metrics.

Comments;

The lack of a stated policy is a Weak spot.

CAC doesn't need SB approval to contact other Committees

**Action** Liaison will bring the WGA approach bring to EC again

**Stretch code PowerPoint**

Reviewed the stretch code PowerPoint. It's too dense for laypeople. It should be edited to focus on the importance of opting in

**Updates:**

**EC** is no longer working on the Town's municipal building inventory. The DPW director states that the DPW will continue inventory. EC and CAC will comment /give input on buildings when they are

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added to the CIP as well as comment on Climate related warrant articles . The DPW director supports this **DPW director**: replacement of Light duty vehicles with EVs is the **de facto Town policy** DPW will push through landfill solar RFP once EC completes it.

**Action:** Member Gaechter to reach out to AI re Top Mast EV charging status  
EV charging letter for businesses sent to TM for approval

Chair Updates:

CAC Articles can go in the library. Members may Recommend nonpolitical climate books for library. Send titles of books to the Chair

**TPTRA** is willing to place short promos and links periodically in newsletters

**Push for CAC members** school committee etc. Posters? Recruiting ideas **Action Member Bruyn** will send letter to summer respondents

**Truro Talks** June EV charging for businesses or stretch code as an insurance policy(Previously approved)?

**May agenda** discuss signage for High Head trails

**Addendum:** DOER does not respond to 3 emails and two telcons, 1 voicemail re using modified DOER slide decks to present to

Respectfully submitted by Bob Higgins-Steele



5/27/2022

## **APPENDIX:**

### **"Whole Government Approach:**

The Town of Truro recognizes that effective climate leadership requires the integration of climate change mitigation and adaptation into daily operations, decision- making, and planning for our municipality. The Truro Town government is committed to taking the lead on implementation of this approach and the integration of climate change mitigation and adaptation throughout all Town Departments, boards, and committees and will focus on three specific areas to achieve this:

#### **Governance**

Integrate climate change mitigation and adaptation goals, metrics, and evaluation criteria into Town planning and administration, including staff and department training, evaluations, and budgeting.

#### **Education**

Work with educators, parents, students, the School Board, and the State to bring climate education curricula into schools and student activities.

#### **Resilience**

Prepare businesses and residents for the adverse impacts of climate change through education and preparedness planning.

#### **Departmental Responsibilities.**

One of the first objectives is to align Town Departments' responsibilities with the goals of the Climate Action Plan and identify any areas where municipal activities may conflict with the goals of the Plan. This process will result in the incorporation of a climate strategy into the goals of every Town Department's operations and planning."

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