

**Climate Action Committee Climate Minutes April 28, 2022**

**Present:** Carol Harris, Bob Higgins-Steele, Fred Gaechter, Emily Beebe

**Public present** Georgia Neil

4/14 **Meeting Minutes** were not ready. **Tabled**

It was Suggested that we send out minutes as soon as they are done as the EC does

We edited the **CAC recruiting doc** as a **committee**

**Protocol update:** Going forward, the CAC will use the word "inform" rather than "educate" in the recruiting doc and other documents We added "implement state goals" and we included "adaptation as well as mitigation" these changes will be implemented in future documents

Chair Harris moved that we :Post the recruiting Doc on Town website, share with TPTRA, and Truro Talks Library etc./.

**Moved and approved.**

**Committee** edited Article 53 concerns and response. Chair Harris will read this doc only if asked to at ATM. .

We will probably be asked The committee edit ed Doc

Delete Energy Committee involvement?

We decided not to include that petitioner did not come to us it was said the statement sounds whiny

Vice Chair Higgins-Steele asked that the part about funding eligibility not be included.

We added that short timeline

We **finalized our goal work plan**. The goals have been previously defined.

**Goal 1 Climate Action Plan** first draft January. Final Draft complete by January 2023

Suggestion that the people involved have regular communication and work on the plan

**Goal 2 EV charging**

Jarrold has plan for the municipal EV charging. The **Committee** will stick to business outreach

The goal is 2 charging station sites The Committee should contact the businesses while the state has money. Stick to the May 15 deadline or email blast

Work plan discussed and finalized

Follow up= **Member Bruyn and Vice Chair Higgins-Steele** will contact the businesses month after email blast

**GOAL 3 Climate Agent**

**Tabled** until there is a reasonable draft of the position . **No action for a while**

**TM** has expressed buy-in including partial funding through landfill solar revenue. Some concerns were mitigated by flexibility in the staffing options for the position i.e. full or part-time? Shared with other Towns etc.?

**GOAL 4 Outreach Action:** **Member Bruyn** could clarify the indicators: 72 subscribers (to what?) Double # of subscribers (150?) Committee members should Share outreach responsibilities

**GOAL 5. Create or Improve Existing CAC Webpage + feasibility thereof** Tabled until later in the year

**Goal 6 Meet with Boards/Committee to Identify Climate Actions**

Chair Harris could use help. According to Chair Harris there has been no response from LCPC in 2 years.

It was decided that folding the Building Committee into EC makes sense

**Action:** Vice Chair Higgins-Steele volunteered to do Committee outreach

**GOAL 7 Recommend a Whole Government Approach**

Vice Chair Higgins-Steele to Get 5 Committees to agree to adopt WGA

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**GOAL 8 Work with Cape Light Compact**

We'd like to double Audits for Residential buildings  
TRTPA buy-in would inclusion in their newsletter

**Chair and Vice Chair will coordinate** will outreach to Regan at TPTRA

**GOAL 9. Inform Select Board and Municipal Managers**

Vice Chair and Member Gaechter to meet keep June deadline Bob to "conciseify" presentations

**GOAL 10 Write Articles for Truro Talks**

Is Rebecca tracking metrics every 6 months? **ACTION** :Chair to check metrics tracking w/ Member Bruyn

**GOAL 11 Adopt Specialized Opt-In Energy Code**

CAC and SB should be involved in comment process. A Stricter code takes care of Walsh property and Cloverleaf projects Net Zero Goals

**GOAL 12 Make Article 17 of the 2020 Warrant Binding**

This would codify implementation of several Committee goals

This goal will correct something that must have been an oversight

Committee will edit and distribute these goals in both summary and full text as appropriate. The Goals are a living document to be revisited periodically.

Member Gaechter reviewed the **Truro High Head** conservation project and signage. The Truro Conservation Trust (TCT) sponsor this initiative He described TCT's intent and content, the 1-1/2 miles of trails, etc. For this 70-acre project

**Committee Question:** What is our Climate Change message for this area?

The area is coastal heathland; a rare environment.

The CAC could show the climate impact

as well as deliver a message about it. The Ribbon cutting is in the fall. The signage has a short lead time.

Can the Committee provide some research and text for High Head climate impact message? We want to make sure the message reflects the CAC mission and goals.

Discussion and ideas ensued

Mark Robinson, the head of the Conservation Compact (**Name?**) Conservation of the Cape and consultant to TCT will do the heavy lifting on the research and perhaps the writing of the signage

TCT is the lead. CAC needs to align and agree w/ TCT on their message. TCT will find the expert TCT will some materials to the Committee prior to next meeting. There may be a potential memorial to the Wampanoag Payomet tribe. TCT discussing w/ Wampanoag tribe

Updates: EC Mark Farber of EC deep into landfill solar RFP

Truro Talks article is "Who needs a Stretch Code?" because stretch code is in the comment period

**Action:** Chair to request a meeting w/ SB to discuss SB goal 12.

Committee to continue work on goal 12

Adjourned 12:28 PM

For reference see:

<https://reflect-trurotv.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/show/5356?channel=1>

Respectfully submitted by Bob Higgins-Steele



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