

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**

Suggested sending out minutes as soon as minutes are done. EC does this

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

Protocol update: Going forward, **Fred** suggested the **CAC** will use the word "inform" rather than "educate" in the recruiting doc We added "implement state goals" and we included "adaptation as well as mitigation" also we will continue this practice in our materials and outreach.

Committee through Carol: 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. Carol will read this doc only if asked to. We will probably be asked Committee edit Doc

Delete Energy Committee involvement?

We decided not to include that petitioner did not come to us. According to the statement sounds whiny - Bob 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

Bob to get business list from Rebecca, **Rebecca**, and **Bob review**, contact the **Town admin, Clerk.**

Bob and Rebecca to work with **Noelle**, **Bob** to talk with **Emily**

Bob and Carol talk offline. Follow up= **Rebecca and Bob** contact the businesses month after email blast

GOAL 3 Climate Agent

Tabled until **Carol and Rebecca** have written a reasonable draft of the position. **No action for a while**

TM has expressed buy-in including partial funding through landfill solar revenue. **Fred** 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 Rebecca to clarify the indicators: 72 subscribers (to what?) Double # of subscribers (150?)

The Committee should Share outreach

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

Goal 6 Meet with Boards/Committee to Identify Climate Actions

Carol could use help; she is going as fast as she can. Carol has had no response from **EC** 2 years.

Folding the Building Committee into EC makes sense

Bob volunteered to do Committee outreach

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GOAL 7 Recommend a Whole Government Approach

Bob Get 5 Committees to agree to adopt WGA

GOAL 8 Work with Cape Light Compact

We'd like to double Audits for Residential buildings

Fred and Bob; TRTPA buy-in would inclusion in their newsletter

Bob to will coordinate w/ **Carol** re outreach to Regan at TPTRA

GOAL 9. Inform Select Board and Municipal Managers

Bob and Fred to meet keep June deadline **Bob** to "conciseify" presentations

GOAL 10 Write Articles for Truro Talks

Is Rebecca tracking metrics every 6 months? **Carol** to check with **Rebecca**

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 Article17 of the 2020 Warrant Binding

This would codify implementation of several Committee goals

Fred this goal will correct something that must have been an oversight

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

Fred 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? **Fred** wants to make sure the message reflects the CAC mission and goals.

Various suggestions: **Carol** several good points : "What of this vista has the potential to be lost to us forever " "What is the impact of humans on the land?" 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

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

Updates: **Bob** 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

Carol to request a meeting w/ SB to discuss SB goal 12. **Fred and Bob** to continue work on goal 12

Bob to chop information docs before **Fred and Bob** meet.

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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