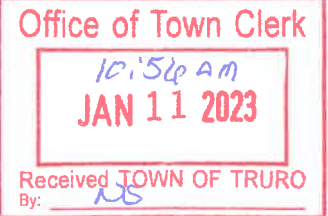


Climate Action Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2022

Carol Harris 12/18/22



Present: Carol Harris, Fred Gaechter, Lili Flanders, Georgia Neill, Rebecca Bruyn
Guests: Bob Higgins-Steele

Topic	Discussion	Action
Public Comment	None at this time	
10/27 Minutes	Were approved unanimously	Carol to send to town to post
Truro Talks	Discussion re the December article written by Lili. Questions came up that require input from Emily. Carol to reach out to Emily and follow up with Lili.	Article accepted with edits/input from Emily.
Budget	Carol has reached out to Stephanie. Was told that the forms to complete for budget have been sent out. Carol to wait to hear from town.	More to come
Outreach Education	Rebecca discussed a few updates. Truro Library will co-sponsor with CAC for monthly educational sessions. They have someone to help with media releases/PSAs/social media/email invitations/RSVPs. A draft of the topics for each month has been developed and will be shared at next meeting. First session is January 28 th by CLC on electrifying your home, from 2-4 and childcare will be provided as needed. Rebecca and Lili to meet with the school principal and superintendent next Wednesday to begin a conversation about the education they offer their students on climate change. Georgia would like to work with the Truro Pantry to provide Energy Assessment forms in residents lunches. She will find out more information and get back to us. Georgia would like to find more volunteers to help with the development of the Outreach/Education work. She's contacted the newspapers.	A draft of what a small statement re need for volunteers will be sent to Carol to review and present to Town for approval Rebecca to draft a calendar of events to present at next meeting.
Recharge America	Rebecca is unable to assume a role on the Steering Committee for the "Recharge Cape Cod" EV event in June in Hyannis. Georgia may be interested. A call with Caitlin at Recharge America is to be scheduled. This event is one pillar of the Recharge America model. The other pillar is pledging our support for their efforts and offering to have a presence at the event and online to show participants who the CAC is and what we're working on re EVs and Charging stations, etc.	Georgia to meet with Caitlin. Rebecca to provide a summary to Carol who will find out town logo can be used, and if a

		volunteer can represent CAC.
Evkon	Some discussion re asking a representative from an EV charging station business to think about planning an educational session with businesses. There is interest however it's very complex and will need our help to facilitate	More to come.
Microgrids	Lili and Bob discussed the idea of developing Microgrids in Truro to respond to the need during an emergency when power goes out for a long period of time. Much discussion ensued. All agreed that having a document that defines the need, what's the feasibility of this project, who would be involved, how it would be presented to the town, etc. would be next step.	Lili and Bob to research and report
Septic & Flood Zones	Fred brought up the impact of the rising sea and the placement of new septic systems. He is aware that there are 3 recent requests to the Conservation Commission for waivers re the placement of new septic systems in areas that are at risk for storm surge or rising sea levels. He would like to find a way to provide input on their decision process since they follow the wetlands protection act as their guiding document. The wetlands protection act does not provide guidance re risk of rising sea level and the need to respond by "adapting"	Fred to follow up with the chair of the Conservation Commission.
Climate Change Coordinator	Position is ready to be presented to SB. Some paperwork remains to be completed. Carol to follow up	More to come
Climate Action Plan	A workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday November 15 th from 1-3:30. Place to be determined. Draft will be sent out today to review in advance of the workshop.	Stay tuned
Whole Government Approach (WGA)	Per last meeting, Carol is waiting to hear from Brian re the WGA and need for changes before it goes to SB	More to come
Proposed New Actions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lili read the Green Communities program to better understand what it means to be a Green Community and one area that may be needed is that town must commit to purchasing EVs. The town doesn't have a formal policy though Jarrod is committed. 2. Lili read in the Indie that Truro does not have a policy re the use of glyphosate on town land for vegetation management . All the towns on the Cape except Truro and Bourne have voted to stop using glyphosate. 	<p>Bob to follow up with EC on Monday.</p> <p>Lili to follow up with Emily and the Board of Health</p>

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Bruyn

