Climate Action Committee Meeting Minutes 2/23/23

Present; Carol Harris, Lili Flanders, Rebecca Bruyn, members, Fred Gaechter, alternate member

Public Comment – Clint Kershaw attended to listen in, however, no comments were submitted during the meeting.

Specialized Energy Code- Article for the Warrant

The Energy Committee drafted the Article for the warrant, submitted it to Town to review and asked us to review it for feedback and to then vote on it. Carol was told that even though it had already been submitted to Town that the changes can be made up until midnight. There was much discussion re how best to organize/format for the residents to better understand what the article is about. There were 2 pages to review, 1st page was the Article itself, however, it wasn't clear if the 2nd page would be published in the warrant. Some changes to both were made to ensure consistency of wording and to the organization of the content. Knowing that there was little time to make these changes, Rebecca moved to approve the document with the committee's approved changes, motion was seconded by Lili and approved by all 3 members present.

Carol to send a revised version to Brian to submit to Town.

Mill Pond Road

In response to public comment and the letter submitted byat last CAC meeting, it was decided to use this time to have a conversation about the Climate Action Committee's responsibility to the Town and to the Select Board. There was much discussion about basing our response and decision making to climate changes on adaptation not on what is the least expensive approach to the adaptation. We're aware of the impact our decisions will have on future including bearing the burden of cost on the future. Do all 4 options for Mill Pond Road proposal have an equal impact decreasing our carbon footprint or increasing sequestration? Is part of our responsibility to speak for the future? If so, how far into the future can we look to make decisions?

It was decided to hold on sending a support letter for the breach option to the Select Board until after the March 8th public informational sessions being held by DPW. Rebecca moved to hold on the letter of support until further discussion at the next CAC meeting on March 16th. Motion was seconded by Lili and all approved.

Next meeting

March 16th at 10:30

Respectfully submitted by,

Rebecca Bruyn





Climate Action Committee Meeting Minutes 1/19/23

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Minutes from 1/5/23

Approved with minor revisions. Carol to submit to Town

Truro Talks

Reviewed article on Conservation and Climate Change. Discussed additions/corrections to be made. Though it highlights what the Conservation Committee is doing rather than the Climate Action Committee, it represents our commitment to connecting and reporting on efforts being made alongside the CAC. The article was approved. Carol to submit with revisions discussed.

Outreach/Education

Rebecca and Lili gave an update on the status of the outreach program. Georgia will introduce January's presentation, emails will be collected for future newsletters, childcare will be provided, Stop and Shop to support the program with a \$50 gift for food and drinks. Lili mentioned need to schedule June event which will introduce our committee members, Emily and Jarrod to be invited, to talk about what it means to be a Green Community. More to come.

Annual Town Report

Reviewed draft, made some minor changes, all in agreement. Carol to submit to town.

Whole Government Approach Implementation Plan

Draft of the document was discussed. Some changes were made about how to operationalize and build such a program to include topics such as decision-making, trainings for managers and/or staff. Lili offered to take the lead on creating an educational training program. Energy Committee will review the revisions before it's presented to the SB on January 24th for their input.

Local Comprehensive Planning Committee (LCPC)

Carol was contacted by the LCPC chair to bring their vision statement and goals to one of our meetings for our input. Due to time constraints it will most likely be at our next meeting in February.

Next Meetings Agenda

Discussed next meeting's agenda: the LCPC presentation, review of a draft of next article for March on the opt in specialized building code and finalizing article for warrant, EV update, and any additional ongoing or new topics Meeting adjourned at 11:45

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Next meeting

February 16th at 10:30

Respectfully submitted by,

Rebecca Bruyn

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