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Climate Action Committee Meeting Minutes 3/16/23

**Present**; Lili Flanders, Rebecca Bruyn, Fred Gaechter, Georgia Neill **Public Comment –** Cynthia Conroy attended to provide comments re Mill Pond.

2/23/23 Meeting minutes- revisions made, Rebecca moved to approve, Lili seconded it and all in favor

**Pond Village Newsletter-** Discussed sending an article to the Pond Village Newsletter on the educational series. Rebecca approved and Lili seconded it, all in favor

**Truro Talks Article** – Discussion re April article. Rebecca suggested that the article be about the April talk on landscaping so she had introduced Carol and Kristin from APCC to come up with something for the newsletter. Rebecca will follow up with Carol to see that they've had a chance to initially talk. Lili moved to approve the topic and Rebecca seconded it. All were in favor.

Mill Pond – After much discussion re the benefits to a breach and after the March 8<sup>th</sup> educational session with DPW and consultant it was clear that all 4 options would have a positive impact on the health of the marsh/pond. Since the role of the CAC is to support town initiatives that have an impact on climate change and not to determine financial impact, it was decided that removing the road was not enough of an advantage to support a breach and would have an impact on public safety by removing a necessary access. It was decided to rewrite the letter which was then read during the meeting. Rebecca moved to approve the new letter. Lili seconded it. All approved.

Newspaper – Rebecca had contacted the Indie to invite to the Building Code session this month and all agreed that Carol, our chair, could be the spokesperson for the CAC in the event there was an opportunity to be interviewed. Fred mentioned that in general the Chair of a committee can function as the spokesperson as needed. All agreed for any future needs. Rebecca to follow up with Carol.

**Library session update**; Everything is running smoothly for the remaining 3 months; Resilient Landscaping in April, Solar in May and What it means to be a Green Community in June.

Whole Government Approach: No updates as of today. Still waiting to hear back from the EC.

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## Other updates:

EVs- Rebecca will be attending the EV Symposium in April. Fred told a great EV joke that had us all laughing. Jarrod is going before SB to begin process of installing more town EV stations
High Head Trail – Fred mentioned the trail was open and that at some point the CAC could regroup re signage on the impact that climate change may have in this area.

Micro Grids- Lili mentioned there are grants available and that she is working with Bob on exploring

these kinds of opportunities to consider installing one at the COA/Library.

Next meeting- April 19th

Respectfully submitted by, Rebecca Bruyn

