

**Truro Climate Action Remote Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 10 am-noon**

Carol Harris  
5/26/23

**Attendees:** Carol Harris, Rebecca Bruyn, Lili Flanders, Georgia Neill, Fred Gaechter

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**Public Comment:** none

**Minutes** from the 3/16/23 meeting were approved. Lili will submit to Town Hall.

**Truro Talks:** Carol will contact Kristin Andres, from APCC, to write an article about resilient landscaping for May TT. Rebecca will contact Cape Light Compact re: article about solar for June TT.

**Library Sessions:** Session on resilient landscaping, with Kristin Andres is all set; Georgia is in contact with Dick Elkin about the May solar info session and will finalize posters with Justine; Lili will be the point person for the 'What Does it Mean to Be a Green Community?' session in June. More discussion needed to develop ideas for discussion/activities. Lili and her daughter, Edin Cook, will lead a children's library session on July 29<sup>th</sup>. We discussed the idea of having attendees write postcards to and from the environment, re: how we care for it/how it cares for us. Lili will ask Maggie Hanelt, head of children's activities at the library, about age group and art supplies and report to CAC as ideas develop.

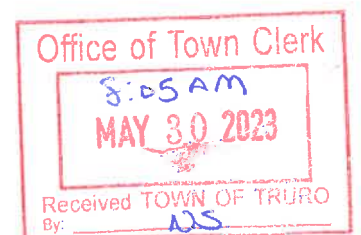
**Charge:** Carol asked the group if we'd like to revisit and change the CAC charge. We discussed possibilities. There was general agreement that this was of interest, but not a priority.

**Goals:** Carol will email CAC members the 2022-23 goals. Members will respond re: if specific goals were met (or, as Fred suggested, surpassed!). Members will email Carol ideas for '23-24 goals. CAC will approve new goals and present to SB.

**Update on Microgrids:** Lili updated the group on the research she and Bob Higgins-Steele have been doing on the possibility of microgrids in Truro (PEP project). She shared a document Bob had written. Some questions & comments were: Who is the audience for the document? What is the CAC role in the project? Bring in local businesses and community to develop the ideas. Contact chief Collins re: emergency shelter.

**High Head Trail:** Fred asked the group if there is an interest in putting up signage about climate change on Truro Conservation Trust High Head trail. We discussed ideas to inform, but not overwhelm visitors with bleak climate news. Suggestions for signs with information about flora that helps with carbon sequestration. Fred will talk with TCT board and get back to us.

**Whole Government Approach:** on hold, pending review by Energy Committee



**Other Business/Updates:** Rebecca updated us on her experience at the EV convention in Boston on 4/13. She said the experience left her hopeful about the progress being made with EVs and charging stations.

Georgia and Lili will sign up to be at the Outer Cape info table at the Hyannis EV event June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Carol mentioned that she would be recording an Earth Day podcast at the library with Emily Beebe, hosted by Justine Alten.

Lili alerted the group that she would be off Cape from 4/26-5/4.

**Green Community Conversation:** Since we had extra time, we discussed ideas for the June library session. Carol wanted to know what our goals are for the event. Some mentioned: involve residents, nurture connection, grow awareness, influence consumer decisions. We discussed sharing what Truro is already doing as a Green Community and then involving residents in a discussion about more we can do. Carol was interested in the bridge between envisioning and action. Lili talked about how small daily practices can lead to an awareness shift, which can lead to larger community actions, such as town ordinances, etc. Lili will continue to work on ideas and activities in line with discussion and report progress to CAC at next meeting.

**Adjourned:** 12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
by Lili Flanders

