

Climate Action Committee

11/6/24 Meeting Notes

In Attendance: Lili Flanders, Mark Gebhardt, Rebecca Bruyn, Georgia Neill, Courtney Warren, Alex Limpaecher

Visitors: Laura Kelley, Richard Roberts, Jack Riemer

Public Comment

None

Noteaker Assigned

Alex Limpaecher

Minutes Approval

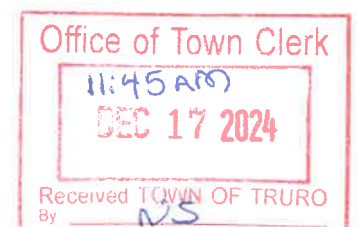
- Revisions have been sent to Mark
- An Asterix will be used to add information to previous agendas.

Laura Kelley Attending to Discuss Pesticide and Fertilizer Reduction

- Laura has been working on an initiative to reduce pesticides and fertilizers.
- Because a town is not allowed to reduce these, it would need to be a "home-ruled petition" that goes to the state house. It would first go on the Town Warrant, be voted in, and then go to the State Senate.
- Laura has brought this to several towns, though thus far just the pesticides.
- Laura recommended we read this Orleans petition that she worked on
- If this is pursued, a decision must be made for either a pesticide hrp or a pesticide hrp and a fertilizer hrp.
- Next Steps:
 - Reach out to other boards to see if there is interest in getting this in front of the select board and putting it on the warrant.

Climate Action Coordinator

Alex gave an update regarding the climate action coordinator based on the interviews last week.



Planning Board

- Jack and Rich join regarding low-lying roads.
- Two sites were looked at, both on Shore Road, to focus on. However, these are not the only low-lying roads in Truro.
- They are recommending that we take the Model Floodplain Overlay District Zoning Bylaw - Optional Higher Standards to the select board as an idea for a warrant.
 - Adapting the document for the needs of Truro
- Next Steps:
 - CAC should review the Model Floodplay Bylaws

Climate Action Summit

- CAC agreed to wait on any climate action summit until the climate action coordinator is hired.

Media Awareness

- There was a discussion on how to more consistently submit to the Truro Newsletter.

Climate Action Plan

- Now that it has been confirmed that the climate action plan was not approved by the select board, it was decided to review the CAP to decide how to best move forward.
- Next Steps:
 - Add CAP to next week's agenda
 - Invite the Energy Committee to a future CAC meeting

Updates

- Educational Calendar
 - A number of ideas were presented for future presentations including:
 - Mass energy/how to have an audit, heat pumps and solar, wild care, meet climate coordinator, pesticides and fertilizer, Low lying roads/Road bylaws, Climate action plan, Energy Committee and Green Communities
- Alex has been exploring the GHG Inventory work that was done in 2021
- Waste No Water is taking place on 11/7/2024 at the Library
- Nov 21st is the next CAC Library Series about Personal Divestment from Fossil Fuels

These meeting notes are respectfully submitted by Alex Limpaecher.

