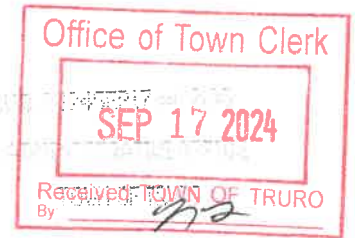


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**Truro Climate Action Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 10:00AM-12:00PM**

Minutes



Attendees: Lili Flanders, Mark Gebhardt, Alex Limpacher (video remote) (members), Rebecca Bruyn, Georgia Neil (volunteers) Emily Beebe (town Hall liason)

Call to order: Truro Town Hall at 10:00AM.


1. **Remembrance and honoring of Carol Harris:** Rebecca, Georgia and Emily recalled the incredible work that Carol Harris, who recently passed away, did for the CAC. She was the first chair and was deeply committed, informed about climate issues and a devoted leader. She was collaborative and spent many hours/week tirelessly working to get the CAC where it is today. She was a "fixer" and organized a communication system between the CAC and similar groups in Wellfleet and Eastham which led to the grant writing which resulted in many grants over the years. It was proposed and voted unanimously to name the educational series at the Truro Library in her honor: *"The Carol Harris Climate Action Educational Series"*.
2. **Assign note taker:** Mark
3. **The minutes of the April 10, 2024** were approved and will be sent to Town Hall.
4. **Public comment:** none
5. **Introduction of new members and volunteers:** Each member and volunteer discussed their relationship to Truro, their reason for joining or volunteering on the CAC and listed some potential projects of interest such as:
 - a. meeting and/or collaborating with the CAC of Wellfleet and Eastham,
 - b. discuss our relationship and overlap with the Energy committee and whether the two should be combined,
 - c. consideration of divesting in fossil fuel investments and companies,
 - d. using data and computer science (Alex) to help the committee gather appropriate data from the town and organizing it,
 - e. assessing the number of EV's and solar homes in Truro and new applications for solar installations
 - f. continuing to publish graphs in the Truro Newsletter and
 - g. continuing a monthly educational series (already in effect),
 - h. recruiting more members to the committee, and other ideas going forward.
6. **Vote on new committee Chair:** Lili volunteered and spoke passionately about her interest in the position and plans to move the committee forward through education and building on past accomplishments such as building codes and hiring a Climate Coordinator. She was voted as Chair unanimously.
 - a. The issue of a "Co-Chair" was discussed which usually means sharing the responsibilities of running the meetings, etc. equally and it was decided instead to have a **Vice Chair**. Mark agreed to that position and was voted in.

7. **CAC Meeting Schedule:** This was discussed and we decided to have two meetings a month on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. There will be one full meeting on the second Wednesday from 10AM – 12 PM alternating with a shorter, informational discussion from 10-11AM on the fourth Wednesday. The next dates (September 11, 25, October 8 and 22) were decided on and they will be circulated to the committee by email with subsequent dates to follow (which may require a Doodle-poll).
8. **Library Informational/Educational Sessions:** Prior sessions were briefly discussed and planning for the Fall schedule is underway.
 - a. There will be one on Green Burials (speakers: Dawn Walsh, Richard Pask and Holly Ballard-Gardner) on September 19 at 6PM at the Truro Public library (Fliers have been made and will be distributed),
 - b. October 17 at 6PM on Waste Water Management (Emily and others),
 - c. November 12, 6PM on divesting from fossil fuels (speakers TBD)
 - d. December on Gardening guidelines to avoid pesticides and fertilizers (Laura Kelly).
9. **Review of 2023-2024 goals:** These were reviewed and will be modified for the current year.
 - a. **Goal 1:** Complete Phase 1: Carol Harris had completed Phase 1 CAC plan which was approved by the Select Board but has not yet been funded (pending a Climate Coordinator hire for which there is a search now and this position was approved/funded at ATM). Lili will request a meeting with the TM, Kelly, Stephany Rein to discuss how we will go forward with staff roles regarding issues such as heat pumps, solar panels, bike path to reduce automobile traffic and data collection so we can prioritize new projects.
 - b. **Goal 2:** Review/update charge for the CAC. Not completed. Deferred to future meeting
 - c. **Goal 3:** Create a Truro Earth Day: This was held last April, 2024 on Earth Day and was a success. The next will be planned for April 22, 2025. We will advertise our progress in the "Truro Talks" newsletter and plan items for the town warrant with new data on solar applications and other items. A banner and new graphs are needed for next Earth Day.
 - d. **Goal 5:** Phase 1 Climate Action Plan Feasibility was discussed regarding gathering data on carpooling/ride share, EV charging stations, public property tree planting (and assess plans for clearing trees when Walsh plans are developed), identify affordable renewable energy sources. This goal somewhat overlaps with Goal 8 and will be discussed between Rebecca and Alex with the potential to combine them into one goal.
 - e. **Goal 6:** Updates to the Select Board: This is done twice/year but we missed June 2024. Lili will do this in December. (there is a form to complete 8 weeks in advance).
 - f. **Goal 7:** Articles for Truro Talks Newsletter. We will use the Education Session topics and provide a summary PRIOR to each talk to publicize it and encourage attendance. This needs to be submitted the last week of each month to Courtney. We will start with the Green Burials.

- g. Goal 8:** Identify a few measures to monitor, such as residential energy audits, solar installations, the # of registered EVs, and others. Alex and Rebecca will discuss and perhaps combine with Goal 5.
 - h. Stretch Goals 9-11:** These were tabled for future discussion when we will hopefully have more members on the committee.
- 10. Update on the Climate Coordinator** – discussed earlier (see above).
11. Discuss Truro Talks articles: discussed earlier (see above).
12. Meeting was adjourned at 12:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mark C. Gebhardt
August 21, 2024



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