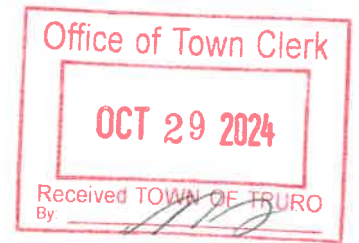


# Climate Action Committee Meeting Notes

9/11/24

## Assign a notetaker

Alex Limpaecher is note-taking



## Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## Review and approve meeting minutes from 8/21/24

The minutes were approved with adjustments to be made by Mark.

## Finalize CAC fall meeting schedule

In general, the Climate Action Committee has two meetings a month.

1. One larger that takes place in Town Hall where all members are required to attend on the 2nd Wed of every month.
2. A smaller one takes place at the library on the 4th Wednesday of every month. Takes place at the library. Not all members are required to attend.

The CAC discussed the upcoming meeting schedules and agreed on the following dates.

### September

The next meeting is on Sept 25th, which is a smaller meeting at the library.

### October

CAC will be switching the small and large meeting in October.

October 9th - Small meeting - at the Library

October 23rd - The larger meeting - Town Hall

### November

CAC will be moving forward the meeting due to Thanksgiving. Now it will be:

Nov 6th - Full Meeting - Town Hall  
Nov 20th - Short Meeting - Library

## December

CAC also moved the December meeting  
Dec 4th - Full Meeting - Town Hall  
Dec 18th - Follow Up - Library



## Review CAC 2023/24 goals; finalize 2024/25 goals

The CAC discussed the 2023-2024 goals and reviewed their status. Afterward, they discussed which ones should roll over to the 2024/2025 goals, and which should be removed, and if others should be added.

### 2023 - 2024 goal

#### Goal 1 - Climate Action Plan

A Climate Action Plan-related goal will continue into 2025.

#### Goal 2 - Outreach

The CAC will continue to do the library series for 2025.

#### Goal 3 - Review/Update Charge

On 23rd of October (next full meeting), the CAC will be reviewing the charge. There will be a discussion at that point to decide if we want to change it.

Lili will be researching the process of changing the charge. Further discussion of the charge happened later in the meeting.

#### Goal 4 - Earth Day

This goal was reached. Lili will continue to work on this for the next year.

#### Goal 5 - Climate Action Plan

There was a discussion regarding the status of Goal 5 of the climate action plan. The climate action plan had been brought in front of the select board and was given unanimous support. The first step seems to be for the select board to decide which committee or offices should make up work teams. After that, step 2 is to assign teams to assess risk.

CAC discussed whether the select board was currently working on creating these work teams. And whether the CAC should get in front of the select board to move this forward. There was discussion if we should try to get in front of the select board regarding just this item, or to incorporate it with our twice a year report with the select board.

There was also discussion if we should be waiting for the climate coordinator. Or if waiting for the climate coordinator would lead to further delays.

Lili will be getting in touch with Stephanie who is the liaison of the select board, for input on the best approach.

There was also a discussion about the actual plan document and what the most up-to-date version is, as there are currently two versions neither with date. Lili will be following up to try to find the most up-to-date document.

### Climate Action Coordinator Update

Lili gave an update on the Climate Action coordinator. She reported that there had been delays from town hall, and while they had received 8 applications, they had not yet been reviewed.

### Ongoing Goal 6 - Provide Updates to Select Board

Lili will be taking on this ongoing task. She will be talking to Emily about the best way to get in front of the select board.

### Ongoing Goal 7 - Talking to Truro Talks

CAC will continue to submit to Truro talks. The main submissions will be announcing the library series, but we may also send summaries from the series after.

Georgia also has sent an article to Truro talks, and other CAC members and volunteers are encouraged to submit.

### Ongoing Goal 8 - Data Collection

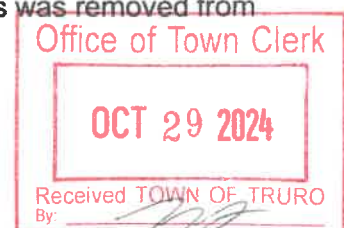
Alex will be taking this over from Rebecca for the 2024/2025 goal.

### Stretch Goal 9 - Planting around buildings

Goal 9 had been suspended. Lili will be keeping this as a stretch goal. There was discussion that it could be embedded as part of the climate action plan.

### Stretch Goal 10 - Feasibility of Resident's groups

Rebecca suggested that this goal be removed, and others agreed, so this was removed from the 2024/2025 goal list.



## Stretch Goal 11 - Green Burials

This was completed.

## 2024/2025 - Goal

Lili will be sending out a finalized version of the 2024/2025 goals, but there was an overview of the goals discussed.

## Priority Goals

**Library Series:** The library series will continue.

**Updating Charge:** There was a discussion if this should continue to be a goal to update the charge. The main downside that was brought up is that it takes some work to go through the process of updating it. The point was made by Mark that we should agree on what we are working on each year. We will be reviewing the charge during our next meeting, to decide it is something we want to update this year.

**Earth Day** - will continue

**Addressing Phase 1 Climate Action Plan** - will continue

## Added Priority Goals

**Yearly Town Article** - It was agreed upon that the CAC should put together an article for the town warrant every year. One possibility is to reduce pesticides and fertilizers, which will be covered in the library series.

**Pursuing Relations with Energy Committee and other CAC** - It was agreed upon to add a goal related to pursuing a relationship with the Energy Committee and other town's CACs.

## Ongoing Goals

**Provide Updates to Select Board** - Will continue

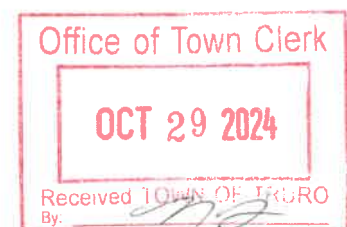
**Truro Talks** - Will continue

**Measuring and Monitoring** - Will continue

## Added Stretch Goal

**Divestment from Fossil Fuels** - The CAC added researching whether the town invest in fossil fuel as a stretch goal, which Georgia will be the leader on.

Lili will be sending out a copy that the CAC members and volunteers can review.



## Review and discuss Phase One of the Truro Climate Action Plan

This agenda item was postponed due to time remaining and technical difficulties making discussion difficult.

This will be moved to the Oct 23rd meeting.

## Updates on library sessions

There was a discussion about the upcoming library sessions including:

**Sept 19** - Green Burials (next week)

**Oct** - Water Health 3/3 Panel with Emily Beebe. Moderator: Lili

**Nov** - 3rd Act - Divest from Fossil Fuels from personal financial

**December** - Reducing Fertilizer and Pesticides

Members were encouraged to bring up any additional topics that could be good meetings.

## Updates on Climate Coordinator position

There was a quick update on the climate coordinator position. 8 complete applications were submitted. And hopefully next few weeks this will be reviewed

## Other business/ideas

Agenda for next meeting

- climate action plan
- review goals for 2024-2025
- Lili will update input from Stephanie regarding the Climate Action Plan

Members and volunteers will email Lili if they want to add anything to the agenda.



10/29/24

