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Climate Advisory Committee

Nov 4, 2020, 4:30 pm by Zoom call

In Attendance: Beckie Finn, Russ Hartenstine, Rob Hauck, Sue Hruby, Donna Paulnock, Garrison Vieira, Kate Warner, Faren Worthington

1. Minutes approved from Oct 7 meeting.
2. Kate talked about the CLEAR resilience project. Interviews have been conducted with each of the managers of the Town buildings involved as to what power needs they would have in the event of a prolonged power failure. Engineers will be coming here on Friday to look at each of the buildings. More information to follow.
3. A Fire Committee was formed. Tasks they will do include:
 - review FireWise program and whether we should check as to whether all Old County Road (OCR) associations are part of it.
 - Think about if, in addition to FireWise, a presentation should be made to OCR neighborhood leaders.
 - Find out more about what is happening with the State Forest.
 - Faren mentioned that a job description has been posted for the SF management position by DCR.
 - Decide on next steps.
4. Beckie observed that a lot of the work of this committee is disaster management and is similar to what the Aquinnah CERT group has done.
 - Suggested that maybe, like Aquinnah, we should survey our town to see who needs help and what resources there are around the town.
 - Russ mentioned that he hopes that our work on the neighborhood list might lead to CERT trainings so that our town is prepared in the event of a disaster.
 - Beckie will draft something that could go out in the Town Clerk's January mailing on this topic.
5. Donna was asked about her Zoning bylaw review that she has been doing with Jane Rossi, Assistant to the WT Planning Board.
 - Donna will send out information to the group and present the information at our next meeting.
 - Kate mentioned that the Storm Tide Pathways grant that the MV Commission got will help the Town know where possible coastal flooding might occur and could inform this zoning bylaw work. (Elizabeth Durkee says the grant will show – "...where storm water will actually go. Taking sea level rise into account. And real time mapping linked to a national weather service website so emergency personnel can tell where flood waters are. Being done by the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown.")
6. Public Water Supply discussion

Sue pointed out that our Goals list mentions "identifying where backup is critical for water..." A discussion ensued about where the public water sources are around the Town that would be available in a prolonged power failure.

- Question about providing water along the WT-Edgartown Road or whether having it at the Town Hall and Library was enough.
 - Russ will inquire how much it would cost to have a public water supply designation for Fire Station No 1
 - Kate will follow up on the Airport providing water to WT residents (via Oak Bluffs Water Department)
 - Faren will look into whether Scott's Grove and FS No 1 could work together on this since SG has a public water supply and are installing a 48 kW solar array but has no room for battery back up

7. Garrison said he will soon have the fire hydrant locations around the Town.

8. Donna and Beckie will continue to work on the Lambert's Cove Road piece of the Neighborhood list.

Others could work on the list too!

9. In closing, Russ thanked the committee for our hard work and support of his Emergency Management work and team.

10. **Next meeting is Wednesday December 2nd, 4:30 via Zoom.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm