

Minutes

Climate Advisory Committee

Sept 2, 2020, 4:30 pm by Zoom call

In Attendance: Rob Hauck, Sue Hruby, Virginia Jones, Donna Paulnock, Garrison Vieira, Kate Warner, Faren Worthington, Jane Rossi (guest)

1. Minutes approved from July 2 meeting.
2. Discussion by Jane Rossi about a couple of wording changes to Zoning Bylaw 6.1 to bring climate change into consideration.
 - 6.1-1 Kate suggested adding flooding to the first item so that it would read "climate change, sea level rise, flooding..."
 - 6.1-4 is about septic systems. Jane to check with Elizabeth Durkee, Oak Bluffs Conservation Agent to see what they have in place for the Shore Zone on this topic.
 - 6.1-6 is about height of buildings. Although this is an issue for the Planning Board, it is not a climate issue unless Planning Board takes on the issue of tree clearing.
 - *Donna will look for further areas in the ZBL that could be revised.*
3. Discussion of Fire Preparedness card that Sue and Faren have been working on. It was reviewed by our Fire Chief, Manuel Estrella.
 - Conflict between fire recommendations and good climate responsive actions were discussed.
 - watering lawns to lessen flammability versus issues of water shortages in droughts and encouraging replacing lawns with other drought-tolerant plantings to lessen mowing
 - Suggestion was made that they lay out the considerations that could inform what people have in their yards vs. telling property owners what they should do.
 - Suggested that a sentence like "Did you know that pitch pines and other soft woods burn are highly flammable" (or burn very quickly) be brought up to the top of the page so that people learn about that.
4. Kate presented a list of Goals that she had laid out with items for the Committee to review. At the next meeting, we will discuss which of these items (and others that the Committee members have thought of) to plan what work we should focus on next.

PLEASE be sure to review this document prior to our next meeting.

5. **Next meeting is Wednesday October 7, 4:30 via Zoom.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

