

Climate Action Committee

Date: 2/5/2020 4:35pm

Present: Kate Warner, Russ Hartenstine, Sue Hruby, Faren Worthington, Garrison Vieira, Donna Paulnock.

Not Present: Virginia Jones, Rob Hauck

Minutes from 1/9/2020 approved

Mission Statement, Goal, Task review

Proposed—"We provide support and guidance to the town, board of selectman, and citizens in making decisions and changes that will result in climate change adaptation and mitigation."

Goal—"To protect and enhance the Town's safety, health and natural assets; by implementing emergency and adaptation strategies that will strengthen the Town's resilience, by establishing goals leading to increased sustainability and greatly reducing reliance on extracted resources, by enhancing community understanding and engagement in the climate crisis."

Tasks- Faron will work on committee's stated list of tasks

Russ, Kate talked and Sue about their meeting with the **Chilmark CAC**

Russ suggested that we develop training to public

Faren-Suggested sharing information with Chilmark so we can work on common goals

Report from Con Comm

Donna will be getting more info to talk about at next meeting.

Mill Brook Committee was starting back up which is a sub-committee of the Con Comm and might influence the work that is done with brooks and dams

Russ presentation

Kate said she would email the link for Russ's talk from Oak Bluffs to this committee

Suggestion of having a neighborhood representative

Year round training for natural disasters

Grants for Fire Department

Grants for emergency services

Prepare our school for an emergency shelter

Sue-energy committee

Increase renewability, we are a green community which opens us up for more grants.

Green Communities (GC) Grant opportunity

possible grants for--

a hybrid cruiser, a charging station at the library, more efficient heating of the Public Safety Building vehicle area.

Sue suggested an infrared heating system for the Fire Department garage. Comment was made that this was possibly looked into before and wouldn't work.

Other Business

A solar array at the Public Safety Building was mentioned. Can't be part of the GC grant.

Kate said that there is a resolution on the warrant for the April 14 annual town meeting to have West Tisbury be 100% renewable by 2040.

Kate said that there is a Tea and Cake event at the West Tisbury Library on March 24, at 4pm to talk about the resolution.

Russ said that he is working on a resilience assessment.

Sue is going to ask Jane Rossi if she had contact information for the road associations in town.

Ended 5:50pm