

Climate Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting

March 4, 2020

4:30 pm

Attending: Sue Hruby, Donna Paulnock, Faren Worthington, Virginia Jones, Rob Hauck, Kate Warner

Next Meeting: WEDNESDAY April 1 at 4:30 pm Police/Public Safety Building

1. We could not approve the Minutes as we did not have enough people who were part of the last meeting present.
2. We reviewed Faren's improvements to our list of tasks. These will be posted, along with our revised Mission and Goals on our page on the town's website.
3. Ginny reported that a number of issues on the MVP action list are already covered in the Rules and Regulations Regarding Subdivision of Land and the Special Overlay Districts part of our Zoning Bylaws.
Ginny and Donna will review the MVP action list- in particular with regard to water and potential flooding of roads- and show where the action list items are covered by our current documents and, also highlight where changes need to be made including revisions needed to the MVC special overlay district reference documents.
This will include what the Planning Board, Con Comm and Board of Health currently have in place. They might also say where further information is needed.
4. Kate reported that the staff or representatives of each of the towns' Con Comms met and as yet, there has not been any progress as to how to address the impacts of the climate crisis.

5. Emergency Preparedness Ideas

Kate suggested that a letter, postcard or website information could be used to communicate about EP to the townspeople. There is currently no money available to us to send something out unless either the Selectmen or Emergency Manager (Russ) has money in their budgets.

Discussion ensued about road associations and how few of them have registered with the Town Clerk.

Suggestion were made that we ask:

- road associations to register as part of our Town Report.
- people to start to form neighborhood groups
- John Keene's staff if they have a list of our town's road associations.

Documents/Actions we decided were needed:

1. Code RED registration by townspeople. #1 priority.
 - Ask people as part of our town report to register.

- have library have computers set up with link to Code RED and offer assistance to customers to register, and have a sign saying please register.
 - *Rob will ask library to set this up.*
 - What does Howes' House know about elderly population and what needs each person has in times of an emergency? *Kate will ask about this.*
 - Q: What is the difference between the State capability to reach all households and Code RED? Why have both?
2. 1-2 page document of what to do in storms/hurricanes
 - Kate had provided a number of possible documents. It was felt there was a lot of redundancy.
 - *Ginny will share her document based on years of experience.*
 - *Rob will do a first draft of what we should give to all households.*
 3. Fire Preparedness
 - It was pointed out that there are different things needed for this.
 - *Sue will look through documents she got at the fire talk as to what is needed and share these with the group.*
 - Rob mentioned there is a western firefighter who might be available to advise us about this.
 4. Map of public potable water sources.
 - *Faren thinks MVC has mapped this and will get us what is currently documented.*
 5. Map of key locations and routes to get there in an emergency
hospital, High School, Airport, OB School, WT School if a shelter...
 6. Suggestions about energy resilience
 - *Faren to keep us up to date on how batteries can be used in homes given recent fire requirements recently put in place by the Fire Safety Protection Agency. (NFPA)*

Also discussed

- "Go Kit"
- the need for a preamble about how climate is changing: occurrence of strong storms, hurricanes, fire, tornado now more likely.
- having a nice, durable booklet or cards that people would keep so that they have the information readily available when needed. Maybe look for a grant to pay for this.

Next Meeting focus:

What Kate should say at Town Meeting during Town Report segment review of documents that the group members are working on—starting with hurricane and fire preparedness.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Warner