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May 5, 2021, 4:30 pm by Zoom call **Approved 6/2/21**

In Attendance: Beckie Finn, Russ Hartenstine, Sue Hrubby, Donna Paulnock, Garrison Vieira, Kate Warner, Faren Worthington (*Ginny Jones absent*)

1. **Minutes** from April 7, 2021 approved.

2. **Meeting time changed to 5:00** so people can finish work first.

3. **MVC MVP grant application** has been submitted. They expect to hear in late July or early August. CAC members were given a chart of the 6 proposed focus groups so that they could see that there is the expectation of a lot of involvement by town climate committees.

4. **CERT update**

Russ will look at the beginnings of a letter to CERT-interested people and prepare it for sending to the 143 people who have expressed interest.

Russ has been at a CERT "train the trainers" training and said CERT covers quite a number of topics. He will share a link to the CERT training manual so that the CAC can see the topics and pick ones they think are most applicable to the Town.

5. **Survey update**

Beckie and Faren worked on adding filters. Can sort by road among other things.

8 or 9 more surveys came in.

Once those are entered, Beckie will send the survey results out to all CAC members for their review.

141 respondents said they had generators. It might be good to know where those are or have road association heads coordinate with their members about who has generators and would be willing to allow neighbors to come get water in a prolonged power failure.

Tara had no luck getting email addresses for survey respondents via the Town Hall. She is going to ask the Council on Aging if they have information.

Kate will ask the Highway Dept if they can help put up the CodeRED banners that Russ has in hopes that that will get more people to sign up for CodeRED.

6. **North Road emergency corridor.** Garrison reported that there was no communication with Chilmark on this during this last month.

7. **Fire & Storm Committee update.** Rob, Donna and Sue met and revised goals and focus. Next step is to meet with Old County Road Associations heads. (Great Plains to Hopp's Farm Road)

Some items for the meeting:

First and foremost—listen to them, hear their concerns

Way to know their neighbors and have contact information

Who's got generators and might offer water or charging power during outages?

Neighborhood watch and call lists

Using survey information to tell them who on their road is interested in CERT training

Give them links to our storm and fire documents (on Town website)

Do annual brush clean up?

8. **Climate Coordinator position** has been re-advertised. Applications due back by May 12.

9. Comments on Resilience grant report

Concern about who is going to do the work and about whether certain suggestions made in the report were good ones. Kate stressed that we are just beginning on this: various building managers and others will need to decide whether to go forward with some of the suggestions.

Energy Committee will focus on a lot of the energy efficiency, solar and battery items.

10. Kate asked all members to come to the next meeting with at least one idea about where we should be in 5 years: what this committee should have accomplished by then for the Town.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm

Next meeting is June 2, 5:00 pm