

Minutes
Town of West Tisbury
Climate Advisory Committee

Wednesday November 2, 2022
5:00pm, Virtual meeting via Zoom

Approved Dec. 6th, 2022

Members Present: Nicola Blake (chair), Donna Paulnock, Garrison Vieira, Kate Warner, Sue Hruby.

Absent: Beckie Scotten-Finn, Russ Hartenstine, Virginia Jones

Also present: Amelia Smith (admin)

1. Minutes of October 5, 2022 approved.
2. Report on the Climate Action Plan (<https://www.thevineyardway.org/action-plan>), by Nicola. Nicola, Donna, and Amelia will work on making West Tisbury boards and committees aware of the items they need to know about in the CAP.
3. Nicola reported on meeting with Julia Livingston about what the Edgartown Climate Committee is doing, namely communication & outreach, their concerns about rising water at the harbor, and communicating with town boards about climate adaptation.
4. **Emergency Management and Emergency communications:** Nicola reported on meeting with Russ Hartenstine and Jennelle Gadowski (Emergency Management Director and Assistant Director), who suggested this committee focus on outreach, education, and recruiting people to volunteer. Island-wide CERT team training is planned.

Discussion of the Firewise plan. Sue suggested a joint meeting with Edgartown Climate Committee and both fire chiefs. Nicola and Amelia will reach out to the Edgartown Climate Committee and fire chiefs.

Kate said that a goal is to create a communication network, to work with road associations and to identify people who can set up group texts or emails or on-foot communication for each area of town. Nicola says Russ would be interested

in system to get information out and disseminating preparedness information. Amelia will compare our survey list to official road association databases, update contact people, and check in with fire and police chief.

5. Education and Outreach: discussion of websites and the challenges of maintaining them, plus the suggestion of adding an action page to the CAP website, for an island-wide reach.
6. It was decided to change the regular meeting time to the 1st Tuesday of the month at 5 PM.

Next meeting: 6 Dec at 5:00