

Approved June 3, 2020

Minutes

Climate Advisory Committee

May 6, 2020, 4:30 pm by Zoom call

In Attendance: Russ Hartenstine (for first 10 minutes), Sue Hruby, Virginia Jones, Rob Hauck, Garrison Vieira, Donna Paulnock, Faren Worthington, Kate Warner

Minutes passed from February and March Meetings.

1. Russ spoke to group briefly about Emergency Planning efforts and a new Emergency Preparedness Committee that Garrison will be part of.
Ginny mentioned to Russ that some of the Special Ways in the Town are now impassable and need work.
2. CLEAR update. Sue and Kate reported that the Town had a call with the Clean Energy Center about a grant that would analyze 6 town buildings- Public Safety, Fire Station 1, School, Library, Town Hall and Howes House- to determine what in the way of solar modules and batteries would be needed to make these buildings energy-resilient in times of prolonged power failure. We will hear in mid-May if we are to be a recipient of this grant which would provide us with an engineer to do this work.
3. Emergency Preparedness document discussed. Originally laid out by Ginny, edited by Donna. Will now be worked on by Rob. There is an Emergency Kit checklist that was prepared by Russ, Emergency Management Agency checklists and other resources available. Rob will meld various documents together. It was suggested that bullet points are best.
4. CAC mission and tasks were edited by Faren. Question was raised: does our vision/mission change because of experience of this pandemic? Garrison said he would get more information from the new Emergency Preparedness committee: how the EPC will support us and visa versa.
Comment was made that we are a planning committee not an implementation one.
5. New Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) grant opportunity. Submissions due in early June. Information will be sent out to the group.
6. Fire Preparedness comments as prepared by Ann Rosencrantz. Thought that we can make suggestions, not mandate. "The kinds of things to consider are..." (brush clearing, for example.) Also some areas of town, some of the suggestions are not possible. Two groups of things: what to do to prevent fire, what to do right in advance of a fire. Sue will work on this document.

7. Ginny and Donna working on reviewing the MVP Action list and which items overlap with things already covered in our Zoning Bylaws and things that are perhaps part of MVC overlay districts that are there or need revising. They will let us know when they are ready to review this with the group.

8. Discussion of meeting time due to overlap with Selectmen's meetings which Russ currently has to attend. Agreed to keep time as first Wednesday of each month, 4:30 with the possibility of 4:00 if there is something particular that Russ needs to discuss with our group. Garrison agreed otherwise to serve as a liaison between the Emergency Preparedness Committee and our group.

9. Ginny reported on an interesting meeting of islands that she was part of and on their response to the pandemic. Island Innovations group. The University of Prince Edward Island teamed up with the Island innovations program and held a digital 3 day webinar and workshop of 4000 island participants. There is more information at islandinnovation.co

10. Next meeting is Wednesday June 3, 4:30 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm