



Harvard Climate Initiative Committee

Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2022

The meeting convened at 7:35 pm on Zoom

Members: Present: Jefferson Burson, Ellen Sachs Leicher, Sharon McCarthy, Adam Meier, Deborah O'Rourke, Christiane Turnheim, Janet Waldron, Lucy Wallace, Brian Smith

Staff Present: Chris Ryan

Guest: Kerri Green, David Fay

1. Minutes of last CRWG meeting minutes of Jan 13, 2022 approved unanimously.
2. HCIC Structure
 - Chair: Ellen Leicher elected unanimously
Vice chair: Jefferson Burson elected unanimously
 - Members should have an email address for HCIC with the form as specified: "first name.lastname01451@gmail.com" OR see email from Julie Doucet.
 - Standard meetings of entire committee are 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 7:30pm
3. Updates
 - Climate Action Plan Discussion. Jefferson Burson reviewed progress of the plan to date. This document will be presented to town committees for discussion. Each focus area has goals & actions divided between the municipal and residential setting. Goals and actions are placeholders to be used to start a discussion with a committee/board. The report as of now has background information, the climate consideration, structure and layout and identification of the six areas that require goals and actions.
 - It was agreed that the plan would have a timeline to 2030 as interim goals, which would be updated periodically to align with the state goals for 2050. Actions can therefore reflect this time priorities. They would need a periodic review/update.
 - Collaboration template: starting point for discussions with "key" committees for partnership to develop feasible goals & actions. Discussion of whether some committees may want a format and blank slate or whether the committee would want our ideas. Decided this is probably going to vary by committee.
 - A revised format and next steps will be available for review and discussion at the next meeting.

- Comment that we need to match/crosswalk this plan with the master plan.

4. Outreach Activities:

- Harvard Press will have a column every other week on “It’s in Our Hands”.
- Town Website has new page for HCIC
- Green Team on planting project at Bromfield. Fund raising is happening & April is target for planting.
- Harvard Energize – 84 families have signed up

5. Environmental Assessment Form no updates

6. Grant Seeking:

- MVP Action grant for bylaw modifications to support climate mitigation
- 2 Culvert repairs: at junction of Under Pin Hill Rd & Still River Rd. Design only.

7. Data gathering: No update

8. Legislation: Pepperell has organized meetings on 3rd Wednesday for towns within Lori Trahan’s district, North Central Climate Collaboration Committee (NC4), for legislative action and grant applications. Looking for an HCIC member to attend these meetings.

Adjourned: 9:15 pm