



Harvard Climate Initiative Committee

Meeting Minutes of 8/25/22

The meeting convened at 7:34 pm on Zoom

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

Staff Present: N/A

Guest: Stacy Donahue

1. Minutes from August 11, 2022, approved
2. Plan Development
  - a. Review of draft Climate Action Plan (CAP): Ellen reviewed the overall edit process and updated flow of the CAP Working Draft 8.
    - i. Jefferson reviewed the goals and actions to the plan. Discussion took place amongst the group and recommended edits were recorded by Jefferson, as appropriate, for incorporation into the next round of updates to the CAP
    - ii. Jefferson reviewed the Implementation section. Edits to this section emphasize the need for resources to support this work and the distributed responsibility for implementation across town committees and boards. Discussion took place amongst the group and recommended edits were recorded by Jefferson, as appropriate, for incorporation into the next round of updates to the CAP
      1. Discussion took place on how best to consider incorporating goals and actions into the Town's Master Plan and future updates to plans for other committees, such as the Open Space Plan.
    - iii. Measurements and appropriate timeframes should be reviewed in detail by committee members.
  - b. Next Steps
    - i. Comments due to Ellen by Sunday evening, 8/28/2022. Ellen requests that edits are substantive
    - ii. Ellen requested relevant photos for the plan.

- c. Public Meeting: September 8, 7:30PM
  - i. Consider This piece submitted to the Harvard Press
  - ii. Ellen will post on Facebook, Harvard Happenings, Next Door (request for people to comment to elevate in newsfeed), request to email neighbors and friends. Deborah will send via Send Pulse to HCIC's email list
  - iii. Request for someone to write Letter to the Editor
  - iv. Edits and feedback from Public Meeting will be incorporated before the Select Board Meeting on 9/20/22
- d. Hazard Mitigation Plan draft is available on town's website for input
- 3. Outreach
  - a. Consider This Piece – will either be in this week or next week's Harvard Press
  - b. September 17: Harvard Lions event – HCIC will be present for a portion of the event.
  - c. Ideas/input for educational programs based on CAP
- 4. Other Business
  - a. Grants update:
    - i. Ellen met with Community Preservation Committee (CPC) chair regarding Environmental Assessment on CPC applications.
    - ii. MVP applications due in Spring 2023. Ellen suggests considering projects to apply for (i.e. By Laws, Bromfield electrification, outreach)
  - b. Other:
    - i. Next meeting is September 8, 2022: Public Meeting
    - ii. MACC is holding fall conference on 10/15 related to climate preparedness and wetlands bylaws.