



Harvard Climate Initiative Committee

Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2022

The meeting convened at 7:03 pm on Zoom

Members: Present: Jefferson Burson , Ellen Sachs Leicher, Sharon McCarthy, Christiane Turnheim, Janet Waldron, Brian Smith

Staff Present: Pat Natoli

Guest: Rich Marcello

1. Minutes of September 22, 2022 approved

2. Plan Development

- a. Report update: Some delays in creating professional looking report with Bromfield teacher. Ellen sent the Word version to Julie Doucet to publish on the Town website for public feedback. Comments due by November 4.
- b. Meeting with Committees/Boards: Issue – do we need to get feedback from town boards & committees on goal dates & metrics. Asking for committee feedback due by November 4.

3. Outreach

- a. Newsletter items/schedule – Weatherization, heat pumps, UU event for this moth. Working on developing a schedule through year end.
- b. Writers needed for Newsletter. Will try to seek out students.
- c. Question: Should we keep hitting all social media venues re. MassSave, heatpumps, EVs, etc. Appeared to have consensus that we keep hitting these topics
- d. Oct 19 UU Social Justice Ministries: 2 part event: 1. a video presentation by Lori Trahan & Jen Benson and MA State Admin rep. via Zoom. 2. Discussion and Q&A with participants on Harvard Energize & CAP.
- e. Website needs to be updated with the CAP

4. CPC review

- a. Process/Assessment Form - 4 proposals sent to Ellen: Preservation of records, invasive species management, open space committee to purchase on Littleton County Rd., a pickle ball proposal is expected.
- b. Discussion of how to give feedback to CPC in regards to support or not and why.

Proposed:

- i. we support this proposal, its consistent w/ the goals of the climate action plan
- ii. we have no concerns with this project
- iii. we provide high level suggestions on how to include climate goals OR observe that climate goals do not appear to be included in the plan (keep it high level, don't go into details - avoid liability or expertise slippery slope)
- iv. we do not support this proposal/project

5. Other Business

- a. Recruitment of associate member: Rich Marcello, a writer, is interested in joining the committee to assist with outreach
- b. Budget request: Discussion of formulating a budget proposal that includes professional staff for sustainability, energy and grant writing
- c. Energy Coaches: Need to build a list of residents who have expertise in air source & ground source to advise other residents in evaluating/installing these systems.

Next meeting October 27 @ 7:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47.

4- LINE ITEM FROM AGENDA

Adjourned: pm