



## Harvard Climate Initiative Committee

June 22, 2023

Members present: Ellen Sachs Leicher, Brian Smith, Staci Donahue, Christiane Turnheim, Sharon McCarthy

Staff present: Pat Natoli

Meeting called to order at 7:42pm

### Agenda:

1 – Approval of meeting minutes of 6-8-23: approved unanimously.

2 – Events/Outreach Update

- Coaching session: 30 people came, 7 coaches at different tables, presentation by HeatSmart Alliance. 9 people signed up for coaches, many wanted ground source heat pumps. Plan to conduct such events a couple of times/year.
- Forest Management: In collaboration with HCT, 2 events planned: Late October -Tour of 2 different trails – Sherry Rd which is well tended forest and Muller land which is not well managed. Want to start forest management coaches to teach/coach about land management & invasives in resident's property.
- Panel discussion on land management – still in the planning stage. Topic could be Chapter 61 forest land and conservation restrictions
- Flags: New statement: "We are Going Green" accepted. Members need to do testimonial on Harvard Energize & will be given flags. Starting with HCIC members, then Earth Day home owner participants and Green Team. Then will begin advertising to Sendpulse list and the public.

3– Reshuffling committee responsibilities

- CAP

- Energy & Buildings – Brian and Ellen liaisons
- Natural Resources – Lucy and Jaye liaisons
- Transportation - Staci
- Agriculture – Christiane and Ellen
- Preparedness – Pat and Sharon

#### 4 – CAP Implementation Update

- Transportation: Reviewed to see if changes were needed.

- HEAC to work on charging stations on municipal property as private properties are difficult to access.
- PB could investigate adding charging stations to by-laws if a developer wants parking areas.
- Residents: encourage transition to electric vehicles. (12 EVs purchased in Harvard between February and May.)
- Park & Ride locations – request made to MART to get service to morning & evening trains at Littleton Station.
- Revision getting student drivers aware of consequences of car emissions and providing for community service approach re. climate to offset emissions rather than approaching payment for parking.

- Preparedness: goals are as stated. No changes to action items but keep abreast of whether COA might become a cooling & warming center.

5 – OSC-PRD Bylaw Update: Planning Board opening hearing on July 17 on by-law that will go to town meeting in October. Looking for HCIC support. HCIC commented earlier and they have been incorporated.

6 – Advocacy – Ellen will send out website which lists bills which Jamie or Dan are supporting.

#### 7 – Other

- NC4 Group meeting had a discussion regarding support for nuclear power – not much interest expressed.

Next meeting July 13 at 7:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm