



Harvard Climate Initiative Committee

Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2023

The meeting convened at 7:30pm on Zoom

Attendees: Ellen Leicher, Pat Natoli, Deborah O'Rourke, Lucy Wallace, Staci Donahue, Brian Smith, Jaye Waldron

Guest: D. Skauen

Meeting called to order by Ellen Leicher at 7:34pm.

1 – Meeting minutes of 8-10-23 -moved to approve by Deborah O'Rourke & seconded by Lucy Wallace; approved unanimously.

3 - CAP Implementation Update

- Preparedness: timelines discussed and not changed. Hazard Mitigation Plan of July 2022 reviewed for progress so far. HCIC needs to review this plan to make sure we are doing climate specific activities. Staci mentioned that the coming update to the 10yr Master Plan needs to take into consideration the existence of the HCIC. Timing for start of update is 2024.

- Natural Resources section of CAP does not include land acquisition in the municipal section. Open Space should be lead committee. Agreed that this topic should be added to CAP.

- Frequency of review of CAP should be annually going forward. Dates should be identified in advance.

4 – Events/Outreach Update by Deborah O'Rourke

3 upcoming events:

1. Lions Fall Festival planning an EV petting zoo. Date September 16, rain date is September 30, 3:30-5:30. Volunteers needed.
2. Flea Market – needs include people to talk about Harvard Energize & going green flags.
3. Forest Walk – October 14, 1-3pm at Horse Meadows Knoll.

Website redesign – Rich Marcello is working with Ellen & Deborah. Rich has a consultant who can do the new layout. Deborah asked that committee members look at the website and bring suggestions forward.

Flag project update – now 60 flags have been placed. Need committee members to send an email to friends asking them to make testimonials and get more flags distributed.

5 - Liaison CAP Updates

ConCom discussed CAP at strategic planning meeting; no specific plans developed.

6 - MVP Grant

- Review of grant components: Need to record hours spent discussing climate to support grant.
- OSRD – general public has not attended any of the hearings. Planning Board is doing a presentation at COA on September 19. HCIC needs to review plan at the September 14 meeting. Discussion of having other town committees review & endorse the OSRD.
- MVP grant official announcement is August 30.

6. Next meeting topics include: flyer design, MVP grant, OSRD bylaw.

Lucy moved to adjourn at 8:55pm, Deborah seconded; all in favor