



## Harvard Climate Initiative Committee

### Meeting Minutes of 4/19/22

The meeting convened at 7:35 pm on Zoom

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

Associate Members: Pat Natoli

Guest: N/A

#### Agenda:

##### 1 – Approval of Minutes of the meeting of March 31, 2022

- Jefferson moved to approve the minutes, as emailed, from HCIC Committee meeting on March 31, 2022. Lucy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

##### 2 – Updates

- Earth Day Event Update
  - Registration is open on HCIC website. 35 registrants so far and we've only begun advertising. Signs deployed around town. Featured on Town website.
  - Newspaper ad in. 4/22 edition of Harvard Press will have article by Catherine Warner.
  - 14 homes and locations around town registered for site visits
  - Event is from 11am-4pm
  - Ellen requests that HCIC members email 10 residents to assist with marketing. Deborah will forward wording of draft messages for committee members
- Grant Request update
  - Culvert Project Grant:
    - Ellen presented feedback received from the grant writers on the proposed culvert redesign project for culverts over Bowers Brook. Feedback included requesting an expanded assessment of the culverts considered. There is a requirement for letters of support. Ellen drafted a letter of support and reviewed it with the Committee.
    - Additional organizations will be asked for letters of support, including but not limited to NRWA, ConCom, Town of Ayer

- Application is due May 5
  - ByLaws Assessment for climate change considerations grant
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    - Grant is being drafted by the Apple Country project consultants. They have done similar work on bylaws research and development for Bolton. This would be additional bylaw areas to pursue for us, Athol and Ayer.
- Plan Development Progress
  - Energy and Buildings: Ellen provided updates on the second Partner meeting to review the second draft with partner organizations. Decarbonization plan timeframe of 10-15 years will align well with school capital planning process.
    - Ellen sent, in advance, significant portions of the draft report. Energy and Buildings meeting participants received the decarbonization plan as well in advance.
    - Ellen received feedback from the Town that this meeting be held for feedback, as opposed to decision making.
  - Preparedness: in progress with first draft may be ready by June
  - Transportation: In progress, pending work by consultant on Transportation Plan
  - Natural Resources: Jefferson, Lucy, and Adam will meet Friday, April 22 to plan for 2<sup>nd</sup> partner meeting, which will be scheduled to be held after Town Meeting
  - Agriculture: This will be on pause until Christiane returns from Germany
  - Jefferson reports that: Draft 6 of the CAP plan has been posted to Dropbox
- Environmental Assessment Process Feedback
  - Ellen spoke with CPIC and Finance Committee Chairs. CPIC is interested in the environmental assessment as part of their review of projects – may be as a requirement.
- Presentation to Select Board
  - HCIC is scheduled to present to SB on May 3. Additional HCIC members will attend, and our goal is to share what has been accomplished on the CAP and provide updates on outreach efforts, and update SB on the grants that HCIC is applying for. HEAC, Brian Smith will also present the decarbonization plan that aligns with the CAP.

### 3 – Future Meetings and New Business

- Thursday, May 12, 7:30pm
- Thursday, May 26, 7:30pm
- Paul has begun writing a presentation for Earth Day event for his home's efforts towards decarbonization and it will be ready to be shared with participants.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm