



Harvard Climate Initiative Committee

Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2022

The meeting convened at 7:35 pm on Zoom

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

Staff Present: N/A

Guest: N/A

1. Minutes from February 24, 2022 meeting approved.
2. Updates
 - a. Climate Action Plan (CAP)– various members reported on their initial meetings with Board & Committees. Plans to revise and improve the process were discussed.
 - i. Conservation Commission - Lucy Wallace and Jaye Waldron reported on the meeting and noted that the conversation revealed that most members did not see the big picture and that the approach could be revised for future meetings, for instance: leading off with the vision, reviewing a table of contents with areas of focus, review of Town Resolution
 - ii. Energy - Brian Smith reported that the committee is working on a decarbonization plan and has set their goals and actions for the CAP. Brian noted that the CAP will be a living document so he expects it will change over time.
 - iii. Agriculture – Christiane Turnheim reported on two meetings. With KLA report already developed, they are focusing on their priorities.
 - iv. Transportation – Jefferson Burson (not present) reported to Ellen that he met with the committee but because of their issues with a consultant report that was to include climate goals, they did not discuss the CAP goals. He will have to return to the committee. HEAC also has some goals they will want to add to transportation re. municipal vehicles.

- v. Planning Board - Jefferson Burson (not present) reported to Ellen that meeting went well, and they are focusing on goals
- vi. Public Safety - Lucy Wallace and Pat Natoli reported on Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting with Jamie Kaplan Consulting last week. There is a lot of work needed to revise what was presented. There is a summer deadline for MEMA and FEMA. It was discussed that to get CAP goals, Pat, Lucy and Ellen could meet with Rich Sicard, Fire Chief.

b. Outreach

- i. Harvard Press – the next few articles will be written by Lily Robinson.
- ii. Show & Tell Around Town – Host volunteers are developing nicely and members urged to help recruit more folks with Ground and Air Source heating/cooling systems and EVs. HEAC is co-sponsoring.
 - 1. Both Dan Sena and Jamie Eldridge expressed interest in participation.
 - 2. Board of Health – Sharon McCarthy expressed interest in presenting on recycling.
 - 3. Planning Board interested in presenting something about light pollution.
- iii. Green Team collaboration on native planting at Bromfield is going forward. Grant from Harvard Schools Trust secured. Team is interested in participating in Earth Day Event.

3. Other Business

- a. Ellen reported on grants available from MVP that are being pursued
- b. David Fay is going to help with data on Ground and Air Source installations in town based on what Ellen had obtained already and what additional data he can get.

4. The next HCIC meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 24, 2022 at 7:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm