



Harvard Climate Initiative Committee

Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2022

The meeting convened at 7:35 pm on Zoom

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

Staff Present: N/A

Guest: Staci Donahue

1. Minutes from July 28, 2022 meeting approved.
2. Plan Development & Timeline
 - Status update: 2nd draft of focus areas, goals & actions have been completed and recorded in the CAP
 - Ellen, Lucy and Jefferson meeting tomorrow August 12, 2022 to review the draft and will focus on implementation and prioritizing goals and actions.
 - Preparation ongoing for public meeting on September 8 ,2022.
 - Bromfield teacher Cynthia Fontaine will work with us and possibly a student to make a create a professional looking document which we hope to have available by special town meeting. If anyone has photos that might be useful, please submit.
 - All Boards meeting is on Sept 28, 2022. HCIC hopes to get a budget to cover expenses. Will discuss what we need at next HCIC meeting.
 - Town Meeting October 1 – Ellen will consult with Kara as to what is expected to take place in the meeting and if it makes sense for HCIC to present, hand out HarvardEnergize cards or new cards with climate action plan information and also whether to involve Green Team.
 - Vision Statement – HCIC voted to adopt the following Vision Statement: The Town of Harvard will be a sustainable community that is resilient to the impacts of a changing climate by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, stewardship of natural resources, and supporting health and quality of life.
3. Outreach

- Lions Sept 17 – Lucy, Ellen, Deborah, Jefferson, Pat have volunteered so far to participate.
- Possible need for volunteers to attend Special Town Meeting
- “Consider This” regarding the CAP is nearly written for publication in Harvard Press on Aug 26 or Sept 2 edition.
- Ideas for getting our message out include writing letters to the Editor, finding synergy on topics with other Town entities, Town Bulk Mail to send out oversized post card(s), Bromfield newsletter, liaising with Jeff Boudreau.

4. Other Business

- Grants – Ellen talking to Tim Kilhart and BSC group to see if there are more opportunities for funding for the culvert upgrades. Also checking with Hilary King to see if there might be other approaches. Could we get a grant for bylaws update to include environmental/climate change components. Mass Audubon has a program that helps identify bylaws used in MA, which may be a starting place.
- Invitation to all HCIC and families to come to social gathering at Ellen’s on Aug 19 at 4:30 pm.
- Next meeting Aug 25, 2022 7:30 pm

5. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm