

APPROVED MINUTES
(VIRTUAL) MEETING OF THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE

Monday, January 6, 2025

7:00 pm

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In attendance:

Molly Cochran, chair
Laura Gunn, vice-chair
James Conlon
Michael Horan
Janet Weinstein
Aisha Oyolede-Edward
Rachel Lazerus, secretary

1. Welcome: Motion to open the meeting made by Mr. Horan, seconded by Mr. Conlon: meeting officially begins at 7:04 after a unanimous roll-call vote.

2. Review of Minutes: Mr. Conlon made a motion to accept the Nov 25th minutes as amended, Ms. Weinstein seconded: minutes approved by unanimous roll-call vote.

Mr. Conlon made a motion to accept the December 16th minutes as amended, Ms. Lazerus seconded: minutes approved by unanimous roll-call vote with Mr. Horan, Dr. Gunn, and Ms. Lazerus abstaining.

3. MAPC update: Ms. Cochran and Ms. Lazerus are still meeting every other Friday with MAPC. There has been no update yet with regards to the EEA grant. MAPC will be doing climate equity training sometime in January (date was Jan 16th), and then they will focus on broader community engagement for the next step. Julie Curtti at MAPC told Ms. Cochran that they're creating a database of all the climate action plans in Massachusetts and be doing quantitative analyses of them, and will be coming up with a list of the ten most impactful improvements that we can include in the climate action plan.

4. MassSave Flyers: Ms. Cochran thanked Mr. Horan for his editorial suggestions. Anya Zulawnik from SMAC and Dr. Baeta will be promoting flyers.

5. SMAC: The committee discussed possibilities for programs to air on SMAC, including an interview with members of the climate action plan or a program with someone from Sharon's sustainability coalition. Ms. Lazerus suggested Around Town being a possible program that would feature the committee. Dr. Gunn liked the idea of interviewing people who have already done this work in neighboring towns. Ms. Cochran suggested that we invite the climate coordinator in Lexington, either having them for an interview with someone from SMAC or us interviewing them, discussing things that have been implemented, what has and hasn't worked for them, what's the impact that they saw. Ms. Weinstein agrees and says we need to know how the climate action plan will actually work, and suggested having people engaged with the viewing itself with viewing parties. Mr. Conlon could also be a good interview subject!

6. Annual Report: The committee reviewed the draft for the Annual Town Report. Mr. Conlon made a motion to approve, Ms. Oyolede-Edward seconded, motion approved by unanimous roll-call vote

7. Martin Luther King, Jr. event – Ms. Cochran registered a table for the MLK event for both the Energy and Sustainability Committee and the Climate Action Plan Committee on January 20th. The set-up will be at 9:30, while the event is from 10-2. Ms. Oyolede-Edward asked how much it would cost for us to have our own banner separate from the ESC so that the CAPC can make an impact on the town.

8. ESC Film: The ESC is sponsoring a movie night showing "2040," where filmmaker Damon Gameau explores "what the future would look like by the year 2040 if we simply embraced the best solutions already available," at the Stoughton Public Library on Thursday Jan. 23d from 6:00-8:00.

9. Other business that cannot be anticipated: Ms. Cochran has appointment with Ms. Miller of the Stoughton High School council, a parent group that liaises with the superintendent's office, to open a dialogue about what the school feels like are the most addressable and most pressing issues. – Ms. Oyolede-Edward noted we should bring our interim recommendations to the council to structure the conversation. Mr. Conlon brought up managing pet waste, which Dr. Gunn noted is not supposed to be composted. Mr. Horan worried that talking about pet waste would be off-mission for the committee. Ms. Lazerus noted that we could include in our climate action plan recommendations for DPW to buy "doggie dooleys" for the parks, especially the new dog park at the Capen-Reynolds site.

Ms. Cochran noted that the Planning Board is doing an overhaul of their regulation. She had already contacted Town Planner Bill Roth about attending a Planning Board meeting in February or later, and had asked Town Engineer Marc Tisdale about the new industrial park and keeping sustainability in mind as they update the regulations. Mr. Tisdelle wanted to invite CAPC to the conservation commission meeting to hear the summary of proposed changes and generate a letter of support for the town engineer on February 20th, 7 PM.

10. Public Comment (name/precinct): n/a

Mr. Horan made a motion to end the meeting, Dr. Gunn seconded, motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote, and meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

Next meeting will be on January 27 at 7:00.

Minutes approved at January 27 meeting.