

APPROVED MINUTES OF CLIMATE ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE

Monday, April 14, 2025 · 7:00 pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/dmz-pnzw-cnq>

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Present:

Molly Cochran, chair

Laura Gunn, vice-chair

Michael Horan

Aisha Oyolede-Edward

James Conlon

Rachel Lazerus, secretary

AGENDA

1. Welcome: Mr. Horan made a motion to open the meeting, Dr. Gunn seconded: meeting officially began at 7:04 PM via unanimous roll-call vote.

2. Review of Minutes: Mr. Horan made a motion to accept the minutes from March 31st, Mr. Conlon seconded: minutes were approved unanimously via roll-call vote with Dr. Gunn abstaining.

3. MAPC Update: Ms. Conlon, Ms. Lazerus, and Ms. Oyolede-Edward met with MAPC to discuss the flyer design for a survey asking for townspeople's stories about their experiences with weather and climate change to be used in displays.

MAPC is also hosting a meeting with municipal staff and town committee members on May 1st from 6-8 at the Great Hall for people to discuss what the climate action plan is doing and how we can shape it together.

4. Electric Buses: Ms. Cochran noted that there was interest in seeing if the school buses could be converted to electric buses, as they run extremely reliable routes and suggested that we look for state programs that may provide aid. Ms. Lazerus brought up The Green Team (<https://thegreenteam.org/>), an educational program for K-12 students in Massachusetts that helps provide information and assistance in making schools greener, as a resource. Ms. Lazerus

has already passed this information on to the recycling club at the high school and is also looking to getting some people together to focus on getting composting and recycling in the schools

Ms. Cochran suggested getting on the agenda at the next school committee meeting to reintroduce the committee to the Climate Action Plan committee and talking about goals we'd have in common. Ms. Lazerus volunteered to contact the school committee to get onto the agenda.

Solar and community choice: Our community aggregation renewable choice is CleanChoice Energy (<http://www.cleancchoiceenergy.com>)

5. Next Flyer: High school art teacher reached out to Ms. Cochran about having artistically-inclined kids make the flyers.

The committee discussed the next month's flyer about getting rebates for electric lawncare equipment.

Next month's topic will be composting. Ms. Cochran requested that people find 5-minute composting videos. Mr. Conlon suggested that there needs to be more education about how to keep rats out of compost bins.

6. SMAC Appearance: Ms. Lazerus has not heard back from David Walsh and will follow up.

7. Other business that cannot be anticipated: Kathy Stanley is working on a grant application for the electrification of the Wilkins School which would be a prime candidate for decarbonization, and is optimistic that we'll get the grant: it would allow the school to get air conditioning and potentially could serve as cooling center.

Vaughan Enokian pushed for recycling to be switched from twice a month to every week: Ms. Lazerus will reach out to him about talk to us about the recycling data and improvement on the 28th.

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

9. Adjournment

Committee decided to have one meeting in May towards the end of the month to avoid Town Meeting fatigue, date to be announced.

Mr. Horan made a motion to end the meeting, Mr. Conlon seconded: meeting ended at 7:41 by unanimous roll-call vote.

Approved 4/28/25