

**Approved Minutes**  
**MEETING OF THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE**

**Monday, March 17, 2025**

**7:00 pm**

**Fitzpatrick Room**

**Google Meet joining info**

**Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/sdy-bexq-seh>**

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in attendance:

Molly Cochran  
Michael Horan  
Janet Weinstein  
Aisha Oyolede-Edward  
Mark Racicot  
Rachel Lazerus

**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome:** Mr. Horan made a motion to open the meeting, Mr. Racicot seconded: meeting officially began at 7:02 after a unanimous roll-call vote. Meeting began with introducing new member Mark Racicot to the rest of the committee.

**2. Review of Minutes:** Ms. Weinstein made a motion to approve minutes as amended, Ms. Oyolede-Edward seconded, minutes were approved by unanimous roll-call vote with Mr. Horan and Mr. Racicot abstaining.

**3. Substantive Elements of Plan:** Ms. Cochran requested that the committee help brainstorm some substantive elements of the climate action plan to bring up with MAPC so that we can all be on the same page moving forward. Mr. Racicot suggested planting 300 trees for Stoughton's

upcoming 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as that would be a major way the town can respond to climate change.

The committee hopes to give an outline or interim report to the Select Board in June outlining where we are in the climate action plan process.

Ms. Lazerus is concerned that the MAPC hasn't given them many details about the 70% or so of the plan that will be the same for every town in MA, and it's difficult to get people excited when there aren't details on plans to share, and hopes this will be addressed at the upcoming March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**4. Energize Williamstown website:** Ms. Cochran brought up the example of Energize Williamstown at a website with a high level of quality and something she hopes we can emulate. Mr. Horan noted that the specific numbers on Swampscott's website were also really helpful and engaging. The committee discussed ways of understanding what people in town are prioritizing and what can we do.

**5. SMAC Appearance:** Ms. Lazerus spoke with Ian from SMAC who is hoping to get more science programs on SMAC and would love to have someone from the committee to talk about climate change if possible. Ms. Lazerus has been in communication with David Walsh of Around Town about an episode featuring the Climate Action Plan Committee to air around Earth Day. Ms. Cochran mentioned that a UMass Boston professor had given a talk about climate change on SMAC a few years ago and hoped more programming like that could be available.

**6. Sustainable tax incentives/rebates update:** Ms. Cochran noted an article about the tax incentives of going green in the Boston Globe and also referenced the Mass Save incentives. Ms. Lazerus will post about them on Facebook.

**7. Earth Day Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Committee agreed to put a message on the town website/Facebook page acknowledging Earth Day.

**8. Other business that cannot be anticipated:** n/a

**9. Public Comment (name/precinct):** n/a

Mr. Horan made a motion to end the meeting, Ms. Lazerus seconded, meeting adjourned via unanimous roll-call vote at 7:59.

Approved March 31st