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APPROVED MINUTES: MEETING OF THE STOUGHTON CLIMATE ACTION PLAN
COMMITTEE,

Monday June 2, 2024.

This meeting was conducted both in-person and remotely using Google Meets.

Motion to open the meeting made by Mr. Horan, seconded by Mr. Conlon; meeting opened at 7:09 pm.

In attendance:

Molly Cochran, Chair
Michael Horan
Jim Conlon
Janet Weinstein
Aisha Oloyede-Edward

High School Students Discussion

The Committee was joined by one Stoughton High School sophomore and three juniors.

MAPC Update

Ms. Cochran announce that the Committee was awarded an EEA grant in the amount of \$50,000, which will be utilized to pay MAPC for the rest of the work on the Plan. Mr. Horan asked about the total cost to the town, which amounted to \$6,000.00.

Prioritization of Strategies

Further discussion of the Strategies List will take place on June 13th with MAPC, and on July 31 with MAPC and relevant municipal personnel. At the latter meeting the Committee will introduce priorities based on refinements from the list.

Following responses from the Committee and others the following have been identified as priorities (numbers refer to the MAPC List of Strategies (May 2025)):

1, 3, 4, 10, 30, 11, 15, 16, 17, 22, 33, 42, 48, 52, 56, 58, 61, 63, 65. In regard to “resilience and adaptation,” the following are also high priority: 38, 45, 46, 50, 53, 54, 68, 79, 80, and 81.

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Ms. Cochran noted that a number of these can be adapted to the needs of schools.

Ms. Weinstein note the importance of getting student input int programs aimed at them.

One student noted that some schools have signage in cafeterias to facilitate recycling,

Another proposed adapting programs to elementary school age students. Ms. Cochran noted that Neponset River Watershed Associated has programs tailored to school age children, and also suggested getting input from students before hosting another climate-related film at the library (One student suggested showing the film “Six Degrees Could Change the World”) . In response to another student’s suggestion, she suggested students create a PowerPoint presentation with the assistance of the Committee.

Another student pointed out that younger people are typically image-driven; Ms. Oloyede-Edward responded that the ideal would be very short videos. She also noted that we should tailor messages to individuals and the community at large. Mr. Horan advised utilizing TikTok.

Turning back the Strategy priorities, Ms. Oloyede-Edward was strongly in favor of tree canopies, and Mr. Conlon advocated for beekeeping and composting.

Mr. Conlon also advised partnering with National Grid to understand the infrastructure necessary for installing Phase 3 EV charging stations, since they need to be compatible with transmission lines. Ms. Cochran noted that Kathy Stanley can assist with this.

Climate Leadership

Ms. Cochran introduced the state’s Climate Leadership Certification program. To be named a Climate Leader and thus a potential recipient for significant grants, a community must meet six standards. Stoughton has largely met three; the second three (Decarbonization Roadmap, Electric Fleet, and a Specialized Stretch Code) will take additional work.

Announcements

Ms. Cochran will be tabling at PRIDE on June 8 and at the Juneteenth Celebration at the High School.

Adjournment

Mr. Horan made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms Oleyede-Edward. Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

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Adoption

At CAPC Meeting on June 20, Mr. Conlon made a Motion to accept the June 2 Minutes as amended, seconded by Ms. Gunn. Ms. Gunn, Ms Lazerus, and Mr. Racicot abstain from vote; motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote