

**Minutes for Climate Action Planning Subcommittee (CAPS) Meeting  
January 6, 2022 10 AM**

**Via Zoom:** <https://zoom.us/j/92666332361?pwd=cXINOWhZME9mZ2RCVnQ1cjl1SmVoZz09>  
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**Present:** Sue Klem, Roy Harvey, Emily Haslett, Lynne Smith

**Also Present:** Select board liaison, Jennifer Glass; Jennie Morris; Collette Sizer; Michael Moodie; CJ Volpone

**Voted:** Minutes approved for November 17, 2021. Motion made by Sue Klem. Klem-aye, Harvey-aye, Haslett-aye, Smith-aye. Minutes approved for December 2, 2021. Motion made by Sue Klem. Klem-aye, Harvey-aye, Haslett-aye, Smith-aye.

**Sue Klem:** announced that the Select Board voted Jan 3 to put \$5K stipend in budget for Jen Curtin. Klem reiterated that the Net Zero goals for 2030 are aggressive: 50% reduction from 1990 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

**Finance Committee (FinCom) Meeting:** At its second FY23 budget workshop on January 18, at 7:30 PM, FinCom will deliberate on the \$5K, which is a preferred budget item for the town. This year, FinCom allowed departments to submit items beyond the 2.5% increase, known as preferred budget items. *CAPS will send the letter supporting the stipend to FinCom and members will attend the meeting to support it for inclusion in the recommended FY23 budget.* If it is not, CAPS will need to write a warrant article.

**Jennie Morris:** As a proposal writer for Energy Solutions, Morris is up on initiatives, codes, geothermal applications, etc. mostly for commercial businesses. She says MassSave 3 year plan will have an emphasis on heatpumps and will change some of the measures supported in the past. Lynne Smith suggested Morris could help CAPS by reviewing our materials—grants, etc. Morris will bring a national understanding to our local goals.

**MVP Grant:** Jen Curtin couldn't attend today but Jennifer Glass reported that Curtin will submit an Expression of Intent to apply for the grant. *Early deadline is Feb. 24 and*

*Curtin is aiming to submit full application then.* Emily Haslett asked about looking for diverse plan writers; Klem replied the MAPC prioritizes diversity and is hiring accordingly.

**Glass:** Reported that GEC will have a warrant article asking for \$25K to bring Town buildings electricity up to 100% local class 1 RECs. Paul Shorb will present at Town Meeting.

**Discussion:** What should CAPS be doing for the next months before the grant kicks in? More Town Board meetings? Town-wide presentations? Town Meeting? Tabling? Use Select Board newsletter? Go to residential organizations?

- Smith and Moodie emphasized need to motivate GHG reduction by 50% in 8 years (2030 goal).
- **Roy Harvey** suggested we make available a book which is available as a free download: [www.rewiringamerica.org](http://www.rewiringamerica.org).
- **Smith** suggested we craft a brief but comprehensive message that could be rolled out in different forms to different groups: as a presentation, press release, LincolnTalk brief, etc.
- Glass solicited punchy paragraph for the February Select Board newsletter before Town Meeting. She also shared the opinion that it will be important to figure out how to help people upgrade houses while preserving appearance and historic authenticity. Harvey raised questions about 2030 goal: What's the baseline? What were GHG levels in 1990? What are measurable goals, like 1/3 heatpumps by 2030.

*Note: Draft message will be sent prior to next meeting for 30 minutes brainstorming of message.*

**Name of Group:** Klem led discussion of our name. We decided to be the Climate Action Planning Subcommittee with acronym CAPS. Our role is to develop a Climate Action Plan.

**South Lincoln Planning and Advisory Committee (SLPAC) Discussion:** SLPAC wants to meet with CAPS. This might be a good time to get Morris involved. Harvey noted that high density is where a geothermal district makes sense. Haslett will ask Staci Montori for name of geothermal expert. Glass noted that there are upcoming webinars hosted by our regional planning group, MAGIC, that will help explain what the new Housing Choice legislations means for MBTA communities.

**Capital Committee (CapCom):** Klem will talk to Audrey Kalmus about meeting with CapCom.

**Data on Lincoln's Energy Use:** Klem asked Harvey to look into the data for what it means for Lincoln to reduce its GHG emissions by 2050 and 2030.

**Town Meeting:** Important for CAPS to have a presence at Town Meeting: There are a couple of approaches: CAPS could work with the Green Energy Committee to make the connection between a climate action plan and the request to switch town electricity to 100% local RECS; Klem could hold out stipend line item in budget and make a 60 second comment and speak in support of municipal buildings Opting Up. Also, good to have copies of Smith's outreach piece on table where attendees enter.

Next meeting will be in 2 to 3 weeks. Klem to schedule.

**Vote to Adjourn:** Motion made by Sue Klem at 9:31 AM. Klem-aye, Harvey-aye, Haslett-aye, Smith-aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:39 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lynne Smith