

Minutes for the Net Zero Planning Committee Meeting on June 22, 2021 at 8 AM

Pursuant to Gov. Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, as further extended on June 15, 2021 by the Governor's signing of Senate Bill #2475, this meeting of the Climate Action Planning Subcommittee is being conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible

Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by member of the public and/or parties with a right and or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Town of Lincoln website, at www.lincolntown.org.

Present: Sue Klem, Emily Haslett, Staci Montori, Lynne Smith, Audrey Kalmus, Roy Harvey

Also Present: Select Jennifer Glass

Minutes of Previous Meetings: Lynne Smith made a motion to approve the amended minutes of June 9th, 2021. The motion was seconded by Audrey Kalmus, and approved unanimously via roll call vote: Klem, aye; Kalmus, aye; Harvey, aye; Montori, aye; Smith, aye, Haslett, aye.

Sue Klem mentioned she appreciates ending meetings and minutes with action items. It helps her write the agenda for the next meeting. For example: she will work on finishing her spreadsheet.

Audrey Kalmus- Suggested we draft vision statement to use to start talking to other boards to start the conversation for support and participation. Clarified that these documents, Sue's spreadsheet along with Roy's working documents are great starting point, good visioning.

Roy Harvey- Would like to discuss his outline for the planning & suggested that we need a process outline as well.

Jennifer Glass- Agreed using these documents as a starting point with other boards, to try to get consensus within town.

Audrey Kalmus- Communication to other boards should be a big focus, MAPC states this as well. She feels it is important to not skip this step.

Sue Klem- One decision point will be with funding, talking with boards will help with direction.

Wants to do preliminary talking/reaching out to boards to gain knowledge, then in spring reach out to the stakeholders after town meeting.

Audrey Kalmus- Feels timelines are difficult since we are still fact finding. We need to be careful how we sequence them at the moment.

Sue Klem- Asked what will our presence will be for State of the Town meeting.

Jennifer Glass- Voiced the need to speak to various boards, turn Roy's paper into a few slides, explain this to the town, such as "here is what towns around us are doing." This will help put us in context with other towns.

Lynne Smith- Offered to draft a paragraph/statement about our goals to share with each boards Chair.

Jennifer Glass- Suggested that we begin with "This who we are, this is what we are thinking about." She suggested having no timeline boundaries, meet with the boards in order to bring this to the wider community, stating "we want to get on your agenda.'

Lynne Smith- The ask should be- "We want to be on your September agenda."

Jennifer Glass- Suggested to start with Green Energy Committee, then Cap Com, Conservation Commission, Agriculture Commission, Planning Board, and School Board Committee.

Sue Klem- Raised concerns about how broad will we go?

Staci Montori- We may need representatives from other boards to join our group or working groups.

Jennifer Glass- This may be building the case for a sustainability manager.

Jennifer Glass- Initial step is to start a conversation, “We may not have all the answers, what are the holes that need to be filled? How can we collaborate, etc... do we absorb the MA climate plan, with the goal of carbon neutral, what is being done already in town? Here is a list of what towns are doing. Is it helpful for us to oversee it. This will start the conversation in every area of town.”

Emily Haslett: Noted that we are not the experts in all areas, acknowledging that someone in their group may be... this may also lead to “buy-in.”

Sue Klem: Will add to her spread sheet- what boards are missing from her spread sheet?

What are we going to call ourselves?

Sue Klem- Climate Action Plan was commonly used in 2010. More recently she sees Net Zero Plan.

Staci Montori- Feels it is important to use “Climate Emergency” to communicate the urgency of climate action.

Lynne Smith: Made a motion to name the group: “Climate Emergency Action Planning Committee.” Audrey Kalmus seconded the motion.

Discussion- Roy Harvey feels uncomfortable with using the word ‘Emergency’. Sue Klem asked about using ‘Crisis’ instead, Staci Montori likes Emergency better. Lynne Smith feels this may make it “too political.” Staci Montori feels the including emergency is important but won’t insist if it doesn’t work for the rest of the group.

Lynne Smith withdrew the word ‘emergency’ from her first motion, changing it to “The Climate Action Planning Committee”, Audrey Kalmus seconded amended motion.

Role call vote: Klem, aye, Harvey Aye, Montori Aye, Haslett Aye, Kalmus aye, Smith Aye

Audrey Kalmus offered to help Lynne Smith draft an email to send to the various town boards.

Jennifer Glass offered to begin working on a power point presentation.

Working Groups Ideas: Land Base/ Nature Based, Zero Waste, there will possibly other working groups. Question raised -Can we invite others to join these? Yes, to gather ideas and expertise, seems reasonable to the group.

Roy Harvey began presenting his working document. Not enough time to cover will need another meeting. Members can send Roy ideas for him to consider to add to document, but this can't be a shared 'working' google document due to open meeting laws.

Next meeting: Sue will send out an email to get a date that works with everyone.

Action ideas: Email to get a date, Roy's spreadsheet, other working groups, Sue Klem- her plan, Lynne Smith- email draft.

Vote to adjourn @ 9:28 am. Roy Harvey moved to adjourn, Emily Haslett seconded it.

Role call vote: Klem Aye, Smith Aye, Montori Aye, Haslett Aye , Harvey Aye

Respectfully submitted by Staci Montori