

## **Minutes for Climate Action Planning Committee Meeting on October 20, 2021 8AM**

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 members 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](http://www.lincolntown.org).

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am.

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

**Also present:** Jennifer Glass- liaison from the Select Board, Jennifer Curtin- Assistant Town Planner

**Guest-** Paul Shorb of GEC

**Sue Klem** made a motion to approve the amended minutes from 10/6/21, Audrey Kalmus seconded the motion, Klem-aye, Kalmus-aye, Harvey-aye, Haslett-aye, Montori-aye, Smith-aye.

**Jennifer Curtin**, the Town Planning Assistant, introduced herself to the group. She is enthusiastic about joining the group and has a huge interest in sustainability. She sees her role on the committee to act as town staff representation and support, to seek grants and help produce a climate action plan. She has plans to meet with the local MVP coordinator to discuss the ACTION grant and the MAPC coordinator as well.

**Lynne Smith-** questioned if the town staff person would be able to collect town wide data. She feels a full assessment is in order as this baseline data informs the Action Plan.

**Jennifer Glass** suggested meeting with Julie Curti of MAPC and Michelle Rowden, the MVP contact.

**Jennifer Curtin** agreed and already has begun setting up meetings with these contacts.

**Sue Klem-** Described the grant application for MAPC and reiterated how Julie Curti has already been a huge help to the group.

**Jennifer Glass-** is interested to find out from MVP/MAPC more about RFQ models to hire consultants. She wonders if other towns have done this.

**Audrey Kalmus-** Communicated that there are a couple of versions of the MAPC grant "ready to go" and that MAPC accepts rolling submissions. Audrey is hopeful we will apply soon.

**Sue Klem-** The missing piece last spring was Town Staff; Jen Curtin should be able to help.

**Roy Harvey**- Asked about Jen Curtin's scope. He mentioned a Community Forestry Grant/ Forest Stewardship program he found and is interested in pursuing.

**Sue Klem** reported that with the GEC members approval, she is working with Paul Montie to update the GEC logo to change the color of the white hands, to be more inclusive.

**Sue Klem**- CAP has spoken with GEC, Water Commission, Library Board, Conservation Commission, Agricultural Commission, Planning Board, and Select Board. We have plans to meet with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee on Thursday 10/28, and hope to meet still with Housing Coalition, Historic Commission/FOMA, School Board, Parks and Recreation Committee, Capital Planning Committee and Finance Committee.

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**Sue Klem**- We have 20 minutes total, 10 to present and 10 to discuss.

**Jennifer Glass**- Will create a zoom poll questions with helpful data. With regards to a follow up public forum, she felt it may be better once we are established with a grant, to be more focused and meaningful.

**Audrey Kalmus** signed up to go to the SuAsCo resiliency group w/ MAGIC.

*Audrey Kalmus and Emily Haslett left meeting at 9:00*

*Jennifer Glass - left meeting at 9:10*

**Zoom SOTT practice** will be at 8:00 on Thursday. Lynne, Roy and Paul hope to be there. Staci may not make it but encourages Sue to continue her strong presentations and feels they are really going well. She encouraged Sue to drop the part about no longer needing to convince people that climate change is real. She feels rather that "we need to convince people of the urgency."

**Sue Klem** made a motion to adjourn at 9:15. Staci Montori seconded the motion, Harvey-aye, Klem -aye, Montori-aye.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Staci Montori.