

Climate Action Planning Committee Minutes
November 5, 2021; 8:00 am
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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

Also Present: Jen Curtin, Assistant Town Planner; Jennifer Glass, liaison, Select Board; Scott Rodman

Sue Klem opened the meeting at 8:05 am, noting that the Open Meeting Law requirement to have a quorum present in a physical location has been suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order, as extended on June 15, 2021, with the Governor's signing of S.2475, suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law. She confirmed that all participants were present and able to hear and see other participants.

Minutes: MOVED: Klem moved to approve the minutes of October 20, 2021 as presented. The motion was seconded, which was approved by a roll call vote: Haslett yes, Klem yes, Harvey yes, Smith yes, Kalmus abstain.

Grants Research: Jen Curtin reviewed funding research she has done:

- Met with Kim Lundgren, a climate consultant who has completed plans for Weston and Concord, and investigated what her work would entail. Ms. Lundgren suggested Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) funding. MVP offers up to \$100K in funding and the Ms. Lundgren estimate is also \$100K. Grant applications come out in March or April, can do an Expression of Interest ahead of time. Awarded over the summer. Wellesley's MVP application was denied last year.
- Met with Julie Curti who recommended MAPC funding. MAPC has worked with the town before which is helpful. Can also help prepare an MVP application.
- Met with Michelle Rowden of MVP. MVP tends to focus on adaptation and mitigation, if we tie net zero into that we could make a case for it.
- Ms. Lundgren suggested framing our MVP grant application as creating a model for net zero for rural towns.
- Discussion:
 - Committee felt action needs to happen now, MVP application may be submitted, but work needs to keep moving forward starting now.
 - We should recall priority to work with minority community members and strive to work with Black-owned businesses.
 - May need to decide: is net zero the goal, or adaptation or mitigation? This will differentiate funding.
 - At some point we will need a consultant who can focus on the climate measurement technicalities.

- We know what to do in terms of process for outreach and listening to the town. Discussion included our report including carbon sequestration information.
- We should think about two related processes with different timelines:
 - 1) Get town agreement on how to move forward immediately with climate actions (create e.g. an Interim Climate Action Outline?)
 - 2) Get detailed and accurate measurements on town climate goals and action steps toward them (create full Climate Action Plan)

Jen C. will send out materials she collected from MVP and MAPC, Sue asked for a summary of high points. Jen's professor worked on Keene's CAP; they will talk about CAPs.

Roy and Audrey offered to work with Jen C. on further research on MAPC and MVP funding.

Next Steps: Community meeting re: Climate Action Plan

- What kind of meeting should this be? –
 - Review the CAP presentation, address questions, ask residents questions
 - Get resident brainstorming ideas with sticky notes using e.g. JamBoard for a virtual meeting? Where do residents think we should start? Get them thinking about what a CAP may mean for them?
 - Pull in people who are hesitant to join and getting them ready for the concept of a CAP
 - Give residents feedback on what we learned doing the board meetings that we've done
 - Maybe a deep dive into technical questions wouldn't be helpful to our process
 - Stay high level at discussion but be different enough from SOTT presentation to inspire them to come again.
 - Or because time is limited, repeat SOTT presentation and include details from what we've learned from boards and committees in town. Roy will come up with some specifics based on the pie chart.
- Keep presentation under 20 minutes. Then let people ask what they want to ask. The point is to really educate people about Lincoln's climate planning. If someone comes with a specific question, we should plan to deflect it to another person.
- Need to reach out to town organizations and businesses.
- Lynne will workup a strawman for publicity.

Adjournment: MOVED: Klem moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Smith, and approved by a roll call vote: Haslett yes, Klem yes, Harvey yes, Smith yes, Kalmus yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Audrey Kalmus