



Sustainability Commission

– Net Zero 2050 Planning Subcommittee –

Net Zero 2050 Planning Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2024

Meeting Time: 12:00 PM

Meeting Location: via ZOOM (recorded)

Attendees: Charlotte Weigel, Phil Francisco, Ken Horton

Minutes:

Started – 12:00pm

- Agenda Item 1: Review minutes from previous meetings
 - Did not happen

- Agenda Item 2: Prep for Climate Action Working Group
 - Provide background to other CAWG members in advance of 1st meeting
 - Results of town-wide GHG inventory
 - Mass Net Zero 2050 law
 - Review the goals of the CAWG
 - Establish community support for climate resolution that commits town to Net Zero 2050 goal and forms CAPC for generation of CAP in support of that goal
 - Draft climate resolution that reflects that support
 - Identify funding for climate action planning
 - Have this done in time for a warrant article in Spring Town Meeting – ask Town Clerk
 - Provide synthesis of CAP research
 - What are highest level goals of a CAP?
 - What are next level goals, what groups do they involve?
 - What is the general process of creating a CAP? Describe community outreach.
 - What does tracking and implementation look like?
 - Summarize community engagement on climate already done – Master Plan
 - For Discussion
 - Timeline of work – goal of Spring town meeting
 - What committees and citizen groups should we reach out to?
 - Are there partners in these groups that can help us engage with them?
 - How best to reach those who aren't in a group?
 - What information should we provide them ahead of the discussion? Phil says no
 - Would a meeting-in-a-box help?
 - What questions do we want them to answer? – This should be for discussion, not preempted
 - Does the group support a town commitment to a Net Zero 2050 goal for municipal, residential and commercial sectors?
 - Does the group support a Climate Action Plan to layout how to achieve this goal?
 - What would the group want to see in a Climate Action Plan?
 - Will the group publicly support a climate resolution that commits us to create a climate action plan?
 - Will the group participate in aspects of the CAP that relate to their objectives?
 - How do we ensure all groups are included in this process that want to be included and that social equity is emphasized as well as engaging Groton's most vulnerable citizens?
 - Timeline of work

- July - August: develop stakeholder list, identify champions and set up meetings, develop materials
- September – November: meeting with stakeholder groups
- December: deliver results to Mark and Select Board, including climate resolution
- January: finalize climate resolution for warrant article
- January – March: develop materials and presentation strategy for Spring Town Meeting
- Stakeholders:
 - Groton Women’s Club, Garden Club, Council on Aging, Finance/Capital Planning, Planning Board, Groton Business Association, Destination Groton, GDRSD, The Groton School, Lawrence Academy, Hollingsworth and Vose, Restaurants and Inn, Groton Hill Music, Parent organizations
- Outreach opportunities:
 - GCC, Library, Cow Pond Brook, Farmer’s Market,
- Agenda Item 3: Any other business
 - Zero Emissions Vehicle Policy: Phil and Charlotte met with Mark on 6/17. He plans to bring the issue up to his staff to see if the policy would be supported. Mark recommended that we reach out to Sherry Kersey from GDRSD to see what schools think about it. Charlotte emailed Sherry on 6/23.
 - Specialized Stretch Code: Charlotte emailed background material on energy codes on 6/14. Initial strategy to find local builders who might support code to better understand the industry’s perspective. Phil to contact John Amaral to see if he would meet with us to discuss code

Meeting adjourned – 1:00pm

Next Net Zero 2050 Planning Subcommittee meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted,

- **Charlotte Weigel** Sustainability Commission Member

Minutes approved by Net Zero 2050 Planning/Climate Action Planning Working Group, Jan 24, 2025.