

Meeting Minutes from Groton Sustainability Commission Meeting on 21 March 2023

Location: Groton Senior Center

Attendees Jim Allen, Alison Peterson (Chair), Phil Francisco, Andrew Scott, Ginger Vollmer, Bruce H. Easom

Visitors Charlotte Weigel

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:11 PM

The draft meeting minutes from the 21 February 2023 meeting were reviewed. Bruce moved to accept the meeting minutes of 21 February 2023 as amended. The motion was seconded by Phil and the motion carried by unanimous vote. Phil agreed to update the draft minutes with the corrections and send them to the Town Clerk. (dated incorrectly on website)

Alison notified the Commission that Katrina has resigned as a member of the Commission. Bruce moved that the Commission recommend to the Selectboard that Charlotte Weigel be appointed member of the Commission. Ginger seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote. Alison agreed to inform the Selectboard of the Commission's vote.

Phil provided an update on the work of the Education Subcommittee. The following events are planned

- 4 May 2023 Panel discussion at Senior Center – starts at 7:00 PM
- 25 May 2023 Discussion of residential building energy efficiency
- 15 June 2023 Discussions on Biomass and Heating & Cooling
- 29 June 2023 Topic to be determined

Jim moved that the Education Subcommittee be allowed to create and publicize advertisements for the upcoming events. Andrew seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Charlotte reported on her greenhouse gas inventory efforts. She discussed with the Commission adjustments she is making to the generic model estimating factors using data obtained from the Groton Assessor's office.

Phil reported on the NC4 Coalition update. A change in the quorum requirements for the Coalition are in the works to make sure they comply with state law.

Alison agreed to post a notice about the opening on the Commission to help find someone who might want to be a member and take the meeting minutes.

The group discussed creating a pollinator corridor.

Bruce moved to adjourn the meeting. Phil seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Then minutes were approved by unanimous vote on 16 May 2023