

TOWN OF WELLESLEY



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CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

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Climate Action Committee Meeting

March 11, 2022

Remote Zoom Meeting

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Laura Olton. Present were Climate Action Committee (CAC) members: Laura Olton (CAC Chair), Sue Morris (CAC Vice Chair), Lise Olney, Martha Collins, Cynthia Mahr, and Ellen Korpi. Also present were Marybeth Martello (Sustainability Director), Janet Mosley (Climate Action Committee Analyst), Doug Smith (Advisory Committee), and Mary Gard. Absent: Fred Bungler.

Citizen's Speak: None

Minutes

Martha Collins moved to approve the meeting minutes from February 4 and March 3, seconded by Sue Morris, *and the Committee voted to approve the February 4 and March 3 meeting minutes.*

CAC Report to Annual Town Meeting (ATM) 2022

Janet Mosley provided a summary of the methods and results for the 2021 community-wide greenhouse gas inventory that appears in the CAC Report to ATM 2202. The Committee discussed edits needed to finalize the report.

Ellen Korpi moved to approve the CAC Report to ATM 2022 with minor edits to be completed by Marybeth. Martha Collins seconded the motion, *and the Committee voted to approve the CAC Report to ATM 2022.*

Climate Action Plan (CAP) Next Steps

With the CAP rollout to the public complete, Marybeth would like to focus on CAP implementation, and would like input from the Committee on how to prioritize actions in order to make a work plan for the coming year. CAC members agreed that an in-person retreat in April would be a good opportunity to discuss priorities for CAP implementation.

Additional Business

Cynthia Mahr thanked Marybeth and Martha Collins for their help with a survey to families of students in the Hunnewell School regarding their interest in swing space transportation for Hunnewell School students. The school administration received positive feedback from this survey. Bus sign-up for the next school year will open on Monday, March 21.

There was also a discussion regarding the RFP and bids on Wellesley Public Schools' (WPS) new 5-year transportation contract. Cynthia Mahr noted that only one company bid and they did not respond to the electric school bus addendum. She will bring the 5 year contract to School Committee for approval on March 22. The CAC further discussed various aspects of WPS transportation, including reasons for a 5 year contract instead of a shorter term contract, why school transportation companies do not currently have electric buses in their fleet, why WPS does not own its own buses, the need to increase bus ridership – a current area of focus for the Mobility Committee, and the possibility of ordering electric school vans.

Laura will work with Lise to develop a presentation for ATM 2022 Article 29 that the CAC and Select Board are co-sponsoring.

Adjourn

Ellen Korpi moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 A.M., seconded by Martha Collins, *and the Committee voted to adjourn.*