

**MINUTES: MEETING OF THE STOUGHTON CLIMATE ACTION PLAN
COMMITTEE, MONDAY AUGUST 14, 2023.**

This meeting was a hybrid; in-person at Town Hall-Fitzpatrick Room, and remotely using Google Meets webinar format.

In Attendance:

Molly Cochran, Chair
Laura Gunn, Vice-Chair
John Malley
Rachel Lazerus
Aisha Oloyede-Edward (joined at 7:13 pm)
Michael Horan (remote)

Not Present: James Conlon

Motion to open the meeting by Mr. Malley, seconded by Mr. Horan, Motion passed unanimously and Meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

Review of Minutes

Several edits to July 31 Minutes considered. Minutes accepted subject to agreed-upon amendments.

Mission Statement of the Committee

Ms. Cochran noted that this is intended to be a very broad-ranging mission statement.

Ms. Lazerus proposed using a Google Doc for further review and proposed edits by all members of the Committee.

Ms. Oloyede-Edward asked each member to identify one goal for the Committee. Responses included “actionable solutions that will reduce the town’s carbon footprint,” promoting ideas that will have benefits beyond climate (e.g. saving money), adopting iterative recommendations that can be continually cycled through, and focusing on practical goals

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Ms. Cochran proposed devoting ten minutes at our next meeting to further discussion of the Statement following our review. She also stressed the importance of developing positive relationships with other town officials as the Committee proceeds.

Grants

Ms. Cochran has reached out to Roth, Town Planner, and Ben Thomas at Senator Markey's office, who requested a copy of the Article and our Mission Statement.

Greenhouse Gas Inventory

Ms. Cochran noted that seven or so years ago the Sustainability Committee did a study of town buildings, now out of date, and that we could use this as a baseline in doing a follow-up study. She has a copy of the 2013 Local Energy Action Plan.

Outline of Universe of Actions

Ms. Cochran explained that this is very broad in scope and suggested that the members decide what we'd each want to focus on. She also suggested identifying the town officials associated with each particular area

Ms. Gunn felt we should add "public health" as a category, especially in regard to vulnerable populations

Ms. Cochran proposed adding to our agenda a review of town structure (government and organization)

Other Business

Ms. Cochran plans to attend the upcoming Zoning Board session regarding industrial area development.

A copy of the VW settlement was sent to Marc Tisdale and the Town Planner.

Everyone should be on the lookout for potential funding.

Action Items

Ms. Gunn will update Mission Statement, and send out for review.

Ms. Cochran will follow up with Tom Bingham and contact at MAPC, will forward all 2013 local energy plans; will add continuing management and public health to the Outline

Mr. Malley will obtain the Town's last Master Plan,

Next Meeting:

Monday, August 28, 2023

Motion to adjourn at 8:30, passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Michael Horan, Secretary..