

Swampscott Climate Action & Plan Committee

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Meeting Minutes 01/08/24 6:30pm (Final)

Meeting was held in person at the Swampscott Town Hall (1st Floor Conference Room) and virtually on Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Members of CAPC: Martha Schmitt, Doug Thompson, Neal Duffy, Geralyn Falco, Lilly Worthley, Sierra Muñoz

Members of the public: Marzie Galazka (Community & Economic Development), Nancy Schultz (Historic Committee), Toni Bandrowicz (Swampscott Conservancy & Conservation Commission), Jackson Schultz (Harbor & Waterfront Advisory Committee), Jay Borkland, Anthony Cammilleri (Lynn Item Reporter)

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

Minute Taker: Geralyn Falco

1. Minutes from the meeting on December 5th were reviewed and updated.
 - Gerri moved to approve the minutes of December 5, 2023.
 - Sierra seconded, unanimously approved.
2. Status update on Capital Projects using ARPA funds
 - Doug said that he put together a list of capital improvement projects with climate actions involved; the Select Board has not decided. His proposal has \$500k going to climate related projects and some of those projects are in Capital improvement. Resolved:
 - i. resilience/sustainability person
 - ii. Solar canopies - Town Hall canopy could rent instead of own (solar canopies are expensive ~\$1M for small ones)
 - iii. EV charging stations- in several places around town with \$150k yearly in capital budget for the town's share of climate change fund
 - iv. Neal thought that \$150k per year is too much for EV infrastructure,
3. Grant Opportunities
 - We will be applying for MVP 2.0 Action Grant this spring (Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness) [MVP 2.0](#)
 - i. Marzie said that no RFP has been received for MVP 2.0 yet, but she would keep us updated.
 - ii. Doug talked of 2 MVPs: 1) MVP 2 \$50k grant would involve a consultant helping us on a town project that involves climate actions. 2) normal MVP grants are more project-ready type grants.

- iii. We talked about the normal MVP grants at this meeting. EEA is reaching out over next month or 2 for grant proposals.
 - iv. Toni asked if beach resilient projects (all seawalls) are all done; suggested that the Committee look at the Kleinfelder report (Climate Change Study of 2016) and the Swampscott Hazard Mitigation Plan (2015) to see if any projects are highlighted in them and could be proposed for grants.
 - v. Jackson suggested a feasibility study proposal for grant; said that Fish House has some nature-based solutions; diversity, equity & inclusion should be a part of all aspects of resiliency.
 - vi. Toni asked about regionalization (what is Lynn doing? How about Revere (which is big on MVP grants)? Marblehead has a good program.
 - vii. Jay said that the Harbor Plan speaks specifically of ocean hazards that may have some projects worthy of grant money; as well as some inland locations.
 - Climate Leader - Two actions to work on: 1 - Municipal Decarbonization Roadmap (applied for technical assistance); 2- propose adoption of "Specialized Energy Code". The other 2 actions are already done; will need staff time for this.
4. Resources and Website updates
- Lilly compiled list of resources:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dSjyHXZoOFMe3nDpThk1eHdjs_cmsVj2x8iqgcqv6L0/edit?usp=drive_link - several more resources were added to Lilly's list
 - Review suggested updates to CAPC website
https://docs.google.com/document/d/16_xz2-N9B9O5fHGkpqygkhr4TbBqPI2SVQ02x_oyRok/edit?usp=drive_link - 3 areas added updates and others were requested to add to it; Sierra suggested a "story map" which is a tool that will link for future sustainability.
5. Heritage Trail Signs status (Thomas Starr - Suzanne, Sierra) - more to come
6. Review Airtable status (Review high priority initial implementation projects) - no updates/status at this meeting
7. Other business
- CAPC Name and Charter - did Select Board review? (Doug- not yet)

- RS posting to next monthly newsletter- Sierra will post for next month's newsletter
- ConCom Flood Protection brochure and proposed bylaw - not discussed
- Tree Committee is asking for input: TheTree Committee Chair reached out to solicit any goals for trees this committee believes should be included in an effort to create a strategy for maintaining and expanding our vital tree population for future generations. Input is requested by February 15th.
 - i. Martha will give our input from our past comments.
- Outreach and Tabling events
 - i. Senior Center update
 - ii. Anchor Food Pantry
- Ideas on utilizing Revise money - Greenscapes, Bike Lane protectors
 - i. Martha suggested the bike lane protectors
- Outstanding Action Items
 - i. Marshalls, Whole Foods - EV charging
 - ii. Diana share information on community solar with this group
- Misc. issues
 - i. REC is having problems with quorum; if you know someone interested in being on that committee, let town know
 - ii. Kings Beach Committee - Doug said that interviews are taking place and within next week or 2 they will be making appointments to the 7-member committee.

8. Action Item:

- Next meeting to include Airtable updates
- Website upgrade
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Doug moved to adjourn the meeting. Sierra seconded, unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall 1st Floor Conference Room and virtually on Microsoft Teams