

**Climate Change Council
Minutes
January 12, 2021, 7:00 pm**

The meeting was held remotely and was recorded on GoToMeeting and is available for viewing on Pepperell Community Media.

Members present: Beth Faxon, Susan Edwards, Ken Hartlage, Chuck Walkovich, Jason Veysey, Jessica Veysey-Powell, James Scarsdale, Bob Cataldo.

Absences: none

Guests: Andrew MacLean, Tony Beattie, Deb Fountain, Renee D'Argento

Town Administrator Andrew MacLean convened the meeting and reviewed the agenda for the evening. He encouraged the members to become familiar with the Open Meeting Law and Meeting Guides provided by the Town Clerk as well as encouraging them to complete their Conflict of Interest training as soon as possible.

The members of the council then briefly introduced themselves.

There was a discussion on the frequency of meetings with a sense that at least initially twice a month would be important to gain and maintain momentum.

Jim Scarsdale suggested we discuss goals and priorities for the group as that might inform selecting a chair and clerk. A discussion ensued with Ken Hartlage discussing some of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts priorities and how those might be adopted and facilitated at the local level. Subsequently, Susan Edwards started the nomination process and the following selections occurred:

Susan Edwards nominated Jessica Veysey-Powell as Clerk.
Seconded by Beth Faxon. There were no other nominees. Jessica Veysey-Powell was elected 8-0 as Clerk.

Jessica Veysey-Powell nominated Ken Hartlage as Chair person.
Jim Scarsdale seconded the motion. There were no other nominees. Ken Hartlage was elected 8-0 as Chair.

Ken Hartlage, as newly elected chair, then returned to the discussion of goals and priorities of the individual members. Each member spoke briefly about some of their personal interests and priorities. There are several members with specific interest in how the Council can impact change in

Pepperell in particular protecting the Town from Climate Change impacts. There is also an interest in climate change mitigation and in reaching for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts carbon to Net Zero Goal by 2050. We should also strive for signature goal(s) for the current year and to pursue educating the community on the issues of climate change. Additionally, listing opportunities for the community to make a difference - lifestyle changes, etc. - creating a ScoreCard, for example, would be helpful.

Next Meeting: 7 pm, Thursday, January 28, 2021

Motion to adjourn: Beth Faxon, seconded by Jim Scarsdale. Voted 8-0 to adjourn at 8:17 pm