

**Climate Change Council
Minutes
February 11, 2021, 7:00 pm**

The meeting was held remotely through GoToMeeting. There is no available recording for this particular meeting due to a recording malfunction. The message log is attached.

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

Absences: none

Guests : Tony Beattie, Deb Fountain, Paula Terrasi, Mark Mathews

Attachments :

Feb. 11, 2021 GoToMeeting Message log

Draft Climate Change Council MP Rec Feb.11 Prioritized, 2021.xlsx

Minutes:

Chair Ken Hartlage convened the meeting.

The minutes from 28 January 2021 were reviewed.

Motion to accept the minutes from 28 January 2021: Beth Faxon; seconded: Jim Scarsdale; Vote in favor: 9-0.

Ken reviewed the agenda for the evening. He confirmed that Susan Edwards would take notes. He stated that the bulk of our agenda was to go through the Climate Change Council Master Plan recommendations and (a) assign a priority and (b) identify “owners” for each item based on which projects each of us wanted to work on. Ken suggested that the methodology we use for prioritization is the Eisenhower Matrix, a time and project management tool. He recapped that Deb Fountain would walk us through the Eisenhower Matrix.

Ken assured us that we were in the “discovery phase” of reviewing the Master Plan, not making hard, fast decisions in this first go-around; and that we were looking to get a “first cut” in assigning owners since “Group efforts create the best results.”

Ken asked for public comments on the agenda. There were none.

Ken then introduced Deb Fountain who guided us through the matrix, including a brief history of its genesis.

Ken reminded the Council, before we went through the recommendations as a group, to keep in mind the Council’s three mission objectives (copied in below) and what each of these recommendations will do to:

1. Achieve net-zero emissions in Pepperell
2. Promote biodiversity
3. Promote the sustainable use of our working lands and natural resources

Next, the Council went through the spreadsheet “Draft Climate Change Council MP Rec Feb.11 Prioritized, 2021.xlsx” (attached) starting with ID# 2.17 working to the end at ID #8.18, discussing priority ratings for each, with individual council members volunteering to take the lead on each recommendation. (Please see the last column for specific names).

Jessica Veysey-Powell suggested we keep all potential work items in mind (including Master Plan, “sustainable Pepperell”, and CCC ideas) when selecting top priorities.

In regard to MP rec 7.15 we requested Chuck to add it to NMCOG’s review of the OSRD bylaw. We also requested that Chuck relay our interest to work with the Planning Board on this recommendation. Hartlage noted that it was unclear whether this should be a bylaw or a guideline for developers.

Tony Beattie said he was submitting a proposal to Ed Kennedy for legislation that would incentivize farmers to produce green energy. Tony also said he is working with Ed Kennedy to submit a proposed composting bill.

Hartlage indicated that we would need to meet with other individuals and committees for those recommendations where we had joint ownership to agree priorities and responsibilities. Hartlage offered to organize.

Sue Edwards suggested the CCC have a broader discussion regarding sustainability, noting especially the intersection of economics, natural resources usage and social justice. Hartlage agreed this should be a topic at a future meeting.

It was agreed the next meeting would take place in two weeks-time during which we would complete the review of recommendations in the Toward a More Sustainable and Resilient Pepperell document and the recommendations put forward by the CCC.

Jason Veysey agreed to take minutes at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: 7 pm, Thursday, February 25, 2021

Motion to adjourn: Beth Faxon, seconded by Chuck Walkovich. Voted 10-0 to adjourn at 8:54 pm