

Climate Change Task Force  
Agenda for meeting 7/13/2020, 3:30 PM.

1. **Call to order**- Tom St. Germain, Cornell Knight, Tobin Peacock, Jen Crandall, Jill Goldthwait, Spencer Gray, Darron Collins, Norm Burdzel, Sirohi Kumar.
2. **Approval of Minutes**--Tom moved to accept the minutes, Norm seconded. All approved!
3. **Adoption of Agenda**--Jill moved to adopt agenda as presented, Jen seconded. All approve.

4. **Regular Business**

- A. Discuss approach to actions town can make to reduce our climate change impact.  
Should we start with what has already been done? Cornell has list of what town has done over past 5 years. Sirohi has list of stakeholders from earlier meetings and suggests getting in touch with those folks like the Lab, hospital, college etc to see what they have done. Norm suggests that we get copies from Cornell of the town's work. Spencer asks if we can use a shared file on Google Drive. Spencer will create a shared Google folder that we can put information that we gather. Spencer and Sirohi will work together to get that outreach going from the stakeholders.
- B. Audit of BH's GHG emissions--Spencer will put the senior project of Agim from COA into the shared folder and Sirohi will ask him to come to the next meeting to talk with us. Darron asks about financial resources to pay for such an audit or should we look for outside resources. Ruth Poland is present and will speak about A Climate to Thrive's (ACTT's) work done so far. They were working with an organization from Portland that is no longer operational. Ruth passed the work on to Joe Blotnik. There is some data in an Energy Star Portfolio Manager (ESPM) account. Ruth is happy to share and help. Once you have the information you can compare buildings within the system. A first step for a town would be to get benchmark data into ESPM. It can also include transportation etc. not just building use. The utilities manager of any organization is an important person to work with. Jen and Spencer will connect with Ruth to get login information on account for data that has already been collected and then see where we need to go from there.
- C. Expand task force efforts with sub-groups--Tobin suggests that we divide the work of the mandate into smaller subgroups. Darron would like to be included in a public education subgroup. If subgroups consist of 3 or more people then the meetings need to be posted and made public like. We don't necessarily need to meet in those groups but could give small groups homework, however even a group of 3 or more emailing each other is the same as a meeting. If groups want to meet, a town staff needs to set it up, put link on the agenda and make available to public. Jill suggests agendas for subgroups and then work on the tasks individually and then bring back and discuss at next whole group meeting.

Sirohi sees that we have 3 areas to focus on:

\*Public Education(Darron)

1. Sirohi suggests a public forum to gather questions and make introductions and give information about who we are and what we are going to do. Could be a good point to discuss when we have Darron back. We could all blast out the meeting date and time on social media to get more people to attend with their questions.
2. Jill will talk to Darron and see what he has in mind. We should begin to think about a way to communicate to the public and allay fears that were brought up when the task force was created.

\*Outreach subgroup agenda( Sirohi and Spencer)

1. Compile resources/contact info
2. Make contact
3. Look for financial resources for future projects that we can offer the town so that we are not making unfunded suggestions to the town.

\*GHG audit (Jen and Spencer)

1. Get info from Ruth about Energy Star
2. Look at what has been entered already for data of local buildings.
3. Survey what needs to be done next in terms of updating data and getting that work restarted.

D. Enable solar at the town's Salisbury Farm (Patti Hill) property. Issues to address on this front would be: use, zoning, funding, approval, contracting. Margaret would be happy to work on this. She would like to interview folks to get an update on where the process is. Basil and ACTT would be a good place to start. ACTT has been working on this. Tom reminds us that the lot is outside of town and there is a limitation of 25% (or even less) coverage of property with solar panels. Any changes would have to be a ballot item. Basil Illethario is the point person on the planning board. No action has been taken yet or been debated. A land use ordinance change would have to be requested. Discussion about planning and land use, trajectory. Josh Erlich is the property owner who is wanting the change. Margaret can talk with him and go forward on proposing the LUO change and bring us an the update at the next meeting. Jill will look for documents from a town council meeting that summarizes the history of this issue and will put it in the new shared Google folder.

5. **Public Comment**--Ruth joined us in earlier discussion to give us the update of what ACTT has done already with a GHG audit.

6. **Items for next meeting.** July 27. See agendas for subgroups above. Reports out on homework.

7. **Adjournment**- Jill moves to adjourn, Spencer seconds, All in favor.

Homework:

**Spencer** will create a shared Google folder that we can put information that we gather.

**Cornell** will share Town audit with **Spencer** who will put it in shared folder.

**Spencer** will put the senior project of Agim from COA into the shared folder

**Sirohi** will ask Agim to come to the next meeting

**Jen and Spencer** will connect with Ruth to get login information on account for data that has already been collected and then see where we need to go from there.

**Jill** will talk to **Darron** and see what he has in mind for public education outreach

**Spencer and Sirohi** will compile list of local organizations and stakeholders, make contact and solicit financial support from those who have already expressed interest in supporting the task force's work

**Margaret** will interview Cornell, Basil, Josh (landowner) to get update on solar array and any changes needed to LUO to make it happen.

**Jill** will look for documents from a town council meeting that summarizes the history of the solar farm request to planning board and will put it in the new shared Google folder.