

**DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING
CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAAC)**

Date: May 13, 2021

Time: 7:00PM

Place: Remote via Zoom

Present: Rick Eno, Prassede Calabi, Alan Field, Adrianna Garber, Jason Roeder, Wei Chen and Ruth Trimarchi, Chair

Guests: Diab Jerius, Chair of the Planning Board; Maddie Kolberg, student at WHS; David Miller from the Conservation Commission

Absent: None

Call to Order

Chair Trimarchi called the meeting to order at 7:02PM, declared a quorum present and initiated roll call. Present were Chair Trimarchi-Y, Ms. Calabi-Y, Mr. Eno-Y, Mr. Chen-Y, Mr. Field-Y, Jason Roeder-Y and Ms. Garber-Y.

Chair Trimarchi noted the scheduled date for Town Day is September 23rd. She invited Mr. Field to summarize the events of Earth Day.

Earth Day

Mr. Field noted that the promotional materials that the committee had created were well received by organizations. Mr. Eno reiterated that a good collaborative effort on the part of the committee resulted in favorable reception by organizations willing to publicize the event amongst its members. Ms. Garber shared posters at the high school promoting the event.

Project Reports

Transportation

Mr. Wei reported that he had responded to EVIP for a request for additional materials with regard to the grant and consideration of the town's submission was ongoing.

Mr. Wei also reported that he was completing research on what other towns had done with regard to electric school buses and charging fees for student parking fee. Ms. Trimarchi suggested as an interim measure before the Sustainability Director arrives, he contact Mr. Roger Wilson who is on the Traffic and Transportation Advisory Committee.

Sustainability Director Position – Town Manager

Ms. Wong suggested the formation of an advisory committee to assist her in the hiring process, i.e. creating a job description and assisting in the interview process. This advisory committee

would consist of a total of five members, including some from the Select Board, Climate Action Advisory Committee and staff members possibly from the town planning and engineering office. Mr. David Miller suggested a member from the Conservation Commission be included. The committee would be formed by the end of May in anticipation of advertising in June for the position.

Discussion ensued on CAAC members' interest in serving on the advisory committee, as well as the role the Sustainability Director would serve in relation to the CAAC. Being present at CAAC meetings would be important in the committee's support of the position. An organic process depending on the person would take place following the hiring and onboarding of the person. Discussion will be ongoing on how the committee envisions the position going forward.

Heat Statement

Chair Trimarchi reported that the Select Board had unanimously voted on April 12th to accept the CAAC heat statement.

Approval of Minutes – April 8, 2021

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Field and seconded by Ms. Calabi, it was unanimously voted to approve the above minutes as amended. Chair Trimarchi-Y, Ms. Calabi-Y, Mr. Eno-Y, Mr. Chen-Y, Mr. Field-Y, Jason Roeder-Y and Ms. Garber-Y. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Minutes – April 29, 2021

Following a motion by Mr. Field and not seconded, Mr. Field withdrew his motion. Following discussion, it was agreed to postpone approval of the above minutes until the next meeting.

Environmental Impact of Idling Cars – Ms. Maddie Kolberg

Ms. Kohlberg presented her proposal for a new town bylaw with regard to the environmental impact of idling vehicles, especially around school areas (see attached statement.) She was happy to report that Wellesley had recently successfully enacted such a bylaw.

Discussion ensued on the committee's support of this proposal and guidance for going forward. It was suggested that she enlist a coalition of parties, students and others, to work with her in developing a plan of action. Also, since this was a proposed new bylaw by way of a resident petition, consultation with the town clerk and town counsel on the exact wording would be required for presentation at a future town meeting. Also discussed was the advisability of promoting this effort by way of social awareness and education rather than as an actual change in the bylaw. It was also suggested that contact be made with emergency personnel departments with regard to their own policies with regard to idling vehicles. It was proposed by Mr. Jerius that emergency vehicles could be exempted in the proposed bylaw. Ms. Kohlberg will keep the committee apprised of her efforts going forward.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Trimarchi and seconded by Ms. Calabi, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. Chair Trimarchi-Y, Ms. Calabi-Y, Mr. Eno-Y, Mr. Chen-Y, Mr. Field-Y, Jason Roeder-Y and Ms. Garber-Y. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:51PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Martin Barraford
Recording Secretary

Attachment: Proposed new bylaw re idling vehicles