

**Town of Ipswich
Climate Resiliency Committee
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6:30 pm**

Present (members): Mike Johnson, Co-Chair; Carolyn Britt, Co-Chair; Chris Rais, Carl Nysten, Chub Whitten, Hannah Wilbur, Rebecca Love, Dylan Lewellyn, Jon Blair, Marty Walsh, Jamie Donovan, and Kerry Mackin.

Citizen/student participants: Ella and Anna Borgman for a presentation on the High School Resolution

*** Indicate to-do items**

The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm.

1. Minutes of last meeting were approved.
2. **High School Resolution:** Ella and Anna Borgman began the meeting by describing the student climate resolution and how it was developed. They consulted students from other schools and their resolutions, the Sunrise organization, and other Ipswich HS students. The resolution seeks all aspects of school life where they could remove carbon from their activities, including student activities, teachers, food service and more. Several members of the CRC made comments and encouraged the students, thanked them for their good work, and encouraged them to use their unique position to be as effective as possible in moving the Town towards carbon free actions.
3. **CRC Working Group/Subcommittee reports**
Solar Subcommittee: The Solar Subcommittee broke their report into status, problems, benefits, and going forward. Jon talked about the number of systems in town already. Among the problems in installing solar are a need for a relatively new roof (within the last 10 years). Roofs then get evaluated as to the amount of shade the area receives. Carl talked about the potential build-out of solar, maximum build-out, and any grid adaptation required.
* The solar committee indicated they need 40 minutes at the next meeting to do a full report.

Kerry asked Jon about Wind 2.

* Jon mentioned that information on Wind 2 was provided in the Select Board executive session.

Commercial properties are also looking at their potential for solar.

Carolyn mentioned the possibility of passing a Net Zero Stretch Code in Ipswich when the model becomes available from the state in late 2022. She also noted the need to educate architects and developers about the costs and opportunities for solar in new development.

Jon mentioned that the ELD is putting together an information packet on electrification and rebate options for potential new projects in town.

* We need to develop a list of developers and designers approaching the Planning Board and ZBA with projects for Jon to also contact.

Communication Subcommittee:

i. No-idling awareness: Becky indicated that their subcommittee had coordinated with the Police Dept. and the Green Team on the no-idling campaign and the need to provide hand-outs at the schools.

ii. Hannah had been working on the CRC website. Leah Niska indicated that the Town wanted to wait until the entire town website was redone to develop something for the CRC. A date when this might happen was not mentioned.

* Mike spoke of the cross references we should include on our site, such as the Great Marsh Adaptation Plan. He also noted that the background document for the Resolution should be included on the website.

The Communications Subcommittee noted they would talk with the Board of Health in July about no idling campaign.

* Carolyn suggested they also discuss the health hazard of indoor gas cooking. Carolyn agreed to send information to Hannah on indoor air quality and gas stoves.

4. Update on the Municipal Zero Carbon Resolution Implement Plan:

Mike mentioned a revision of the questionnaire for each department, board, and committee was made and provided to the Town Manager. Because the Town Manager was not present for this meeting, no updates were provided. Mike noted the urgency in getting this information to these groups so that plans and decision-making of municipal actions incorporate the requirements of the Zero Carbon Resolution. Mike will reach out to the Town Manager again to work towards completing the questionnaire.

5. Update on the MAPC Net Zero Project:

There was a brief discussion and update on the MAPC Net Zero Town-wide project. There will be a larger community meeting during the last week of June. The issue of the responsiveness of the local paper to doing publicity on such events was raised. It was speculated that editors might think the climate issue is covered by Charlotte Kahn's articles.

* It was suggested the Communications Committee meet to discuss further how to do outreach for this event.

6. Other business: Kerry brought up a few issues about offshore wind, and the impact of climate on water quality and supply. Kerry had discussed offshore wind with people in Gloucester. Jon indicated that the ELD intended to buy into offshore wind development when it is available.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Notes submitted by Carolyn Britt