

Chevy Chase Committee on Climate Protection
Minutes of Meeting March 29, 2006

In attendance, Dian Seidel, John Kress, Stuart Sessions, Carla Graeff, Georgia Guhin, Betsy Johnson, Judith McGuire. Meeting started at around 8:15.

This was the initial meeting of the committee. We got to know each other and tossed around a number of ideas concerning the purpose of the committee and the types of activities the committee should undertake.

There seemed to be support for defining the purpose of the Committee as assuring that Chevy Chase meets the obligations incumbent on signing the Mayors Agreement on Climate Protection.

We will have minutes from each meeting, appointing a secretary on a rotating basis. We will also prepare documents on our plans and products of our work.

While most of the attendees had not read the Mayors' Agreement, there was general support for our undertaking an assessment of greenhouse gas emissions by the Town of Chevy Chase (both public and private entities), setting goals, and developing and implementing an action plan to achieve the goals. Activities specifically mentioned focused on education, improving the town government's practices (e.g. vehicle emissions), working with CCES to make it a green school, learning from and sharing with other localities who have signed on to the Agreement, a column in the Forecast, helping homeowners identify opportunities to reduce energy waste (e.g. home inspections), lobbying local, county and state officials for improved laws and regulations (including building regulations in town), and some public event(s).

The next meeting will be May 1, 8 PM, at Dian Seidel's house. Before the next meeting, Stuart will get some background on assessments and what other towns are doing; Judy and Betsy will take an initial look at the town office; Judy will write up the minutes and prepare a brief not for the next Forecast.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 PM.