

Minutes

Climate Protection Committee Meeting April 2, 2008-04-02

Attending: Stuart Sessions, Andy Knaus, Betsey Haddad, Dian Seidel, Betsy Johnson, Judith McGuire

The committee reviewed the proposal for supplemental budget to be submitted to the Town Council at its meeting on April 9. Several editorial changes were suggested and accepted. Stuart brought up the missing \$1200 approved for research assistants in FY2007. Judy will follow-up with Andi Silverstone and adjust the budget accordingly. Dian agreed to make the presentation to the Council on April 9.

Stuart will present the results of the greenhouse gas assessment on April 29 in the Town Hall; dessert and coffee will be served. Dian asked that we be allowed to review the talk in advance. Stuart agreed to send out the Powerpoint slides a week in advance. We will ask the Town to publicize the meeting (beyond its existing announcement in the Forecast and our request to send out the announcement on the Town Crier) in order to get high attendance.

The meeting discussion centered on how to proceed with developing a Climate Action Plan for the Town and how to most effectively draw on the creativity of residents to develop the plan. We agreed to solicit residents' input in several ways. At Stuart's presentation we will hand out cards so people can write suggestions for climate action and we will also have a sign-up sheet for people who would like to brainstorm with the drafting team. We will also convene a facilitated townwide meeting on the evening of June 12. At that meeting we will use our "straw" climate action plan to solicit input of citizens in major categories of action (e.g. town operations, residential energy use, transportation, land use, etc.). A drafting committee, composed of Stuart Sessions, Dian Seidel, Jack Palmer, Steve Seidel, and Judy McGuire (plus any other volunteers we can commandeer) will draft the straw proposal in May and early June, revise it after the townwide meeting, and submit it to the Town Council for its July meeting. We intend to consult with Town Council members and the other relevant committees in Town as we go (Long Term Planning, Land Use, Public Service, Environment).