

# 2/19/25 Climate Action Committee

## Minutes

Members and others attending: Lili Flanders, Chair of CAC; Mark Gebhardt, Vice Chair of CAC; Alex Limpaecher, member of CAC; Georgia Neill, CAC volunteer; Chris Palmer, Truro Climate Action Coordinator

Assign Noteaker  
Alex Limpaecher

### Public Comment

None

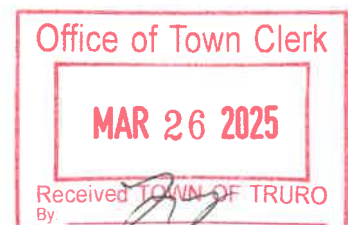
### Previous Meeting Minutes

Meeting notes from the past two agendas were approved with adjustments

## Update from the Climate Action Coordinator

### Solar on the Landfill

- Discussed the lease or own option
- Leasing
  - On Friday, Feb 28th they are going to be reviewed
  - 6 Companies submitted bids for the leasing option
- Chris Called 21 Solar Company Estimates
  - Got one estimate of 3.6 M
  - With \$600,000/year in electricity (this is more than \$400k that beaches make)
- IRA
  - Provides 40-50% tax credit
  - Truro can't use that but we can sell it at 90%, so still get the money
  - Solar people are saying that they think the IRA for Solar will still be available
  - Which would make our solar \$2 M
- Maintenance
  - This would cost \$10-20k, and would not require the town to hire someone
- Revolving Fund
  - Will most likely end up on a future Warrant
- Grid would
  - Provide 2M kwh
  - The town currently uses 650k kWH



- But decarbonization will double that
- The extra energy can be sold to smart system
- Or be used to set up community solar
- 2 Years is the current estimate for how long it would take to set up the solar

## Outreach

There was a question about what we can say as a committee. But the hope is that we can say as a committee we support a warrant article.

### Ideas for Solar Outreach

- Flyer
  - Put in library
  - Pre-town Meetings
  - Town meetings
    - There was a question if flyers were allowed at the town meeting
- Put flyer info on CAC website
- Put the same info on town Instagram and facebook
- In-person handing out flyers
- Newsletters
- CAC Email list
- The independent
- Video

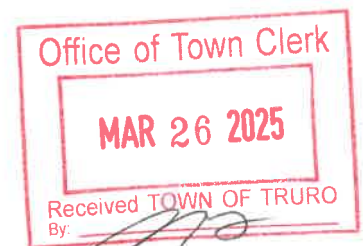
### Key Messaging on Solar

- It makes the town money (more than the beaches!)
- It reduces GHG
- It's on a landfill, land that isn't used anyway, and no trees are being cut down

Action Item: Alex will investigate using Canva for Flyer (and Instagram posts)

## Share Ideas about Earth Day

- Idea for a fair where different groups can hand out info



# Collaboration with the Open Space Committee

There was interest in collaborating on a forum on fire threat and safety with the Open Space committee in June and July.

Georgie is going to interview Fire Chief Tim Collins for a Truro Talks newsletter article and is going to be gathering info on Truro:

- 1) Truro Risk
- 2) What organizations are doing
- 3) What individual can do
- 4) Get other resources

## Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Talk about the CAC website/page

## Library Events

March - Meet the Climate Action Coordinator

- Chris welcomes ideas on this

April - Warrant articles info

May - Cape Light Compact

June - Fire

July, August - Break

Sept - Casey Thornbrugh - Wampanoag

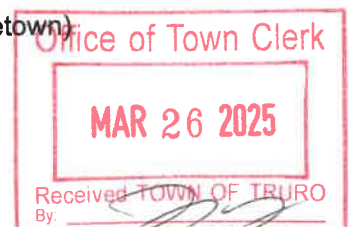
## CAC Budget

CAC will be asking for \$1k in budget.

- 1-2 Paid Speakeres a Year
- Budget for communication materials such as flyers

## MVP Grant Update

- Meeting next Thursday regarding
  - Resilience Hubs
  - Undergrounding Shore Road (in collaboration with Provincetown)
- Towns have to do a 10% match



- However, this can be in kind (such as time) and has limited financial impact the town

## EV Talk with EC

Brian Boyle asked if we wanted to talk about EV in a joint meeting. CAC members were pro.

## Upcoming Meetings

Discussion regarding in-person, hybrid, and remote meetings.

## Divestment

No update, but something Chris and Georgia may tackle in the coming year.

## Flood Plains Bylaws

The Planning Committee will not be submitting a warrant article this year, but maybe next year.

Respectfully submitted by,

Alex Limpaecher

