

Community Resilience Working Group Meeting Minutes April 2, 2020

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm in the Volunteer Meeting Room, Town Hall, 13 Ayer Road, Harvard, MA

Members Present: Peter Kelly-Joseph (HEAC and Chair); Christiane Turnheim (Agricultural Advisory Committee), Lucy Wallace (Select Board), Staci Donahue (Planning Board), Janet Waldron, (Conservation Commission), Ellen Sachs Leicher (Citizen Member), and Ron Ostberg (Citizen Member)

Staff Present: Christopher Ryan (Director of Community and Economic Development)

Others Present: Kim Lundgren, KLA, Rob Traver, Agricultural Advisory Commission

Convene

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New Business

Discussion of Proposed Scope of Work with Consultant KLA

Kim Lundgren provided an overview of the revised scope that was not changing or removing tasks but moving them to be better situated in appropriate places within the scope. There was initial focus on the plan template, a plan vision, getting public input on the vision, and the solutions framework including priorities and guiding principles. She also noted the full development of an agricultural plan component.

Kim next went through the timeline which was only extended to June 30, the current timeline, although an extension is being sought from the State.

Discussion of WPI IQP Student Project

Rob Traver from WPI and AAC joined to further discuss the student project. It was noted that the only feasible project component that the students could engage in was the agricultural component so that would be pursued. Rob noted that the students would need a very specific set of instructions to carry out the project and that would be needed soon because they are already well into the Semester. Mr. Ryan said that he would work on this in the coming days and get it back to Rob, the Working Group, and the Students. A Dropbox folder has been set up to place reference and other documents for the assignment.

Old Business

None

Other Business

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for April 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting Minutes

None

Adjournment

At 7:35 PM, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.