

Community Resilience Working Group

Meeting Minutes July 9, 2020

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Members Present: Christiane Turnheim (Agricultural Advisory Committee), Lucy Wallace (Select Board), Janet Waldron, (Conservation Commission), Stacia Donahue (Planning Board), Ellen Sachs Leicher (Citizen Member), and Ron Ostberg (Citizen Member)

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

Others Present: None

Convene and Preamble

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

Selection of Acting Chair

Lucy Wallace nominated Ellen Sachs Leicher and she was selected by unanimous consent of the members present.

Discussion of Vision and Mission Statements

Mr. Ryan explained what KLA was looking for related to a vision statement, elevator pitch, title, tagline, and other items from the group. There was a short discourse regarding the issues over communication between the group and KLA. *Harvard's Climate Initiative* emerged as a preferred option for the initiative title. *Commit > Act > Thrive* was a chosen tagline.

The discussion then moved on to the vision statement and mission which continued for a lengthy period with debate over specific phrasing. Several choices were narrowed in on and the group wanted to send these back to KLA for their thoughts.

Discussion of Working Group Members

Based on a conversation at a recent Conservation Coffee, Teresa Garti asked for a letter regarding seeking members and Teresa said she would try to find someone. Mr. Ryan had drafted that letter and provided it to the Chair to sign. The Chair asked whether a letter was necessary and whether if one were sent, it would be better to send to the HCT Chair.

Teresa said she could also help with membership from the schools. Ellen said she had reached out to the schools but they did not have anyone in mind and perhaps we need to go back to the Green Team. The Working Group voted to authorize Mr. Ryan to send the letter to Teresa.

Other Committee Business

Mr. Ryan discussed the challenge with minutes for this group. He asked people for notes from meetings to help with the minutes process. Ellen said she would help and Stacia also volunteered via chat function.

Next meetings was a topic brought up confirming that we are currently on an every other Thursday schedule (2^{nd} and 4^{th}) now and members agreed to continue this schedule.

Adjournment

At 9:02 PM, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

