



## Community Resilience Working Group

### Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2020

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The meeting convened at 7:00 pm via Zoom platform.

**Members Present:** Peter Kelly-Joseph, Ron Ostberg, Ellen Sachs Leicher, Sharon McCarthy, Christiane Turnheim, Alexandra Cronin, Jaye Waldron, Lucy Wallace, and Phoebe von Conta.

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

**Others Present:** None

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7:06 PKJ moved to approve the sets of meeting minutes from numerous dates. Stacia Donahue 2<sup>nd</sup>. Current to June 25, 2020. Unanimous vote.

7:08 Discussion of MetroQuest survey results. 354 respondents – good turnout. Big takeaways: Most people don't know about our work. Most want action immediately or very soon. However, there was not one particular area that got the majority of votes for where we should focus first. KLA pointed to quite a few spots where improved communication is needed. Waste was the lowest survey response section.

Discussion of next steps with the survey was all over the place as it's hard to pin down where to start. The agriculture aspect of the survey seems to be a good place to start as our Agriculture Advisory Commission is connected and engaged in this process already. However, the biggest takeaway from the survey was that we have to get communication out there that we even exist.

7:45 Discussion of CRWG Workflow chart. Mr. Ryan discussed how he feels the work can be broken up into 'chunks' and then bring back to the overall groups. Mr. Ostberg suggested that we have an overall 'vision' for each of the groups to help keep them from running off in the wrong direction. If one of the modules could be broken out and defined, then it might be something we can ask for DLTA assistance from MRPC to complete.

8:05 Review of Apple Country Project. It's Core project team only meeting four times. It's got strong State support and important backing. Can really help get the word out about our work on CRWG. Mr. Ryan reviewed the Core team and made adds/deletes from the roster. Asked for possible sites that could be opportunities or possible problem areas.

8:17 Discussion of environmental review process. Ms. Sachs Leicher noted that Environmental Review form was created for CPIC to use in their rating scheme for their scoring. For all policies or

projects, the form can be asked for on every project that comes before town. Ms. Sachs Leicher asked for a form for the Ayer Road Project to be issued to the group for our review. Maybe add this form to Planning Board special permits? Or other land use boards? Mr. Ryan suggested that when it becomes more formalized that maybe putting it in the charter would be its 'home'. Discussion of carrot (gold star) vs stick (form shaming) as a way to get the point across to think of the environmental impact for everything we do.

8:24 Asked group to look again at the KLA deliverables. See if there is any last outstanding concerns before he releases the last of the funds before project close out. Group discussed and feel like where some of the work was 'voluminous', that much of it was good. Mr. Kelly-Joseph really thought the greenhouse gas inventory was very solid. Ms. Wallace moved to approve final invoicing. Mr. Ostberg 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous to approve.

8:41 Ms. Wallace asked if at some point our group should speak to Select Board about CRWG progress, goals, and outreach.

8:44 No formal vote to adjourn.