



Community Resilience Working Group

Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2021

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

Members Present: Ellen Sachs Leicher (interim acting chair); Arianna Thornton, Ron Ostberg, Wendy Sisson (Trails), Lucy Wallace (SB), Sharon McCarthy (BOH), Alexandra Cronin, Jaye Waldron (ConCom), Adam Meier, Christiane Turnheim (Ag Commission)

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

Others Present: Hannah Taylor (Harvard Press), Bromfield Green Team: Advisor Joshua Clarke, Ayla DeCoste, Annabelle Purcell, Michele Buni, Lena Aloise, and Teresa Garti (HCT),

Convene 7:30 and Mr. Ryan reads remote meeting preamble

7:39 Introductions

7:41 Approve past meeting minutes from July through current: Lucy Wallace moved, Sharon McCarthy 2nd – members in favor: Ms. McCarthy, Ron Ostberg, Ms. Wallace, Christina Turnheim, Jaye Waldron, Staci Donahue, and Alexandra Cronin.

7:45 Review of Harvard MVP Program Activates for Spring of 2021. Mr. Ryan reviewed where we've been and where we're plotting to go. Time to issue a report to Planning Board as we're a subcommittee to Planning and need to check in.

Ms. Wallace noted that we're under the radar as a group in town. It's time to come forward to Planning Board and possibly have a charge in hand so there's starting point to discuss where we're going.

Ms. Cronin asked about timing for breaking out CRWG to its own standing body? Mr. Ryan noted that strategic timing might be difficult as the Transportation Advisory Committee just got off the ground.

Ms. Wallace noted that Fall Town meeting is a target for taking our climate statement to the town.

Ms. Sachs Leicher asked everyone to review the Harvard MVP Activities document within the next week and respond with any changes. WS requested sending document to guests – they will be sent to Mr. Meier, Ms. Sisson, and Ms. Garti.

8:30 Mr. Ryan reviewed process of Apple Country project. Grant applications are being made with respect to culverts – ConCom is very interested in this application. The report will be forthcoming, but has not been issued yet.

8:40 Outreach group has set up an Instagram account and a Facebook account to get the word out. Hoping this will be the place to do outreach on programs.

Ms. Wallace suggested that Ms. Sachs Leicher stay on as chair through the fall to get us through town meeting time. The focus will be on coming up with a charge and plan for moving forward.

Group decided on trying to meet monthly on the 4th Thursday of the month starting at 7:00. Next meeting will be March 25th at 7:00pm

Ms. Wallace moves to adjourn, Ms. Waldron seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm