



Community Resilience Working Group Meeting Minutes September 9, 2021

The meeting convened at 7:30 pm [via Zoom platform](#).

Members Present: Jefferson Burson (Planning Board), Ellen Sachs Leicher (HEAC, Acting Chair), Sharon McCarthy (Board of Health), Adam Meier (HCT), Patricia Natoli (Public Safety), Deborah O'Rourke (Citizen), Christiane Turnheim (Ag Commission), Janet Waldron (Conservation Commission), Lucy Wallace (Citizen), Robert Benson.

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

Others Present: None

Convene and Preamble

The meeting convened at 7:30 pm. Christopher Ryan read the preamble and turned the meeting over to the Chair.

Plan Development Update

Transportation Plan being developed by TAC, Planning Board and CRWG. Important elements need support from this committee to ensure that Climate concerns are covered.

Hazard Mitigation Plan has been drafted in connection with the Regional Planning Agency. Waiting for comments, then it will go out for responses. Short lead time on this. Contact Chris for information.

Outreach Update

Mass Energize Community Site soft launch scheduled for Sept 11, 2021, at the Harvard General Store from 2:30 – 4:00 pm.

- [1] Laptops for demonstration, banner, Town Resolution handouts, T-Shirts ordered by committee members (\$30)
- [2] Bring friends/family for demo.
- [3] Create your account and populate prior, if possible

Flea Market – Is still a “go” at this time. October 9, 2021 is the date. We have a booth reserved and CRWG will have a similar presence as described for the event above.

Harvard Press - Supports the resolution. Before town meeting, we hope to have an article in the Consider This section.

Discussion: Who can help? (Jefferson, Ellen, Bob, Lucy, Catherine...). We don't have a budget for this. Ellen will buy the banner and will fund some of the t-shirts She asked members what they wanted. Organic cotton was favored.

Town Resolution

Lucy, Ellen and Paul are meeting regularly to plan approaching community committees and boards to introduce CRWG, answer questions and gather support. Want to illustrate broad support in advance of and at Town Meeting.

We need to make sure that the printed warrant article matches the final wording of the Resolution

CRWG members should contact Lucy or Ellen within the next few days to offer support with engagement.

A script and Q&A for members' use is being written up.

The All Boards Meeting scheduled for Sept 21, 2021. CRWG is bundled with the Planning Board and one of the goals involves the continued development and support of CRWG.

CRWG Public Meeting (September 23, 2021)

A Press Release being developed.

Flyers are ready to post around town.

It will be a Webinar-style Zoom with a PowerPoint slide show (in development and needs some format revisions).

Ellen, Lucy, Jefferson, Adam and Chris will meet on September 22nd, for a run through. Members are encouraged to attend to provide feedback.

Committee - Boards Meeting

This will be discussed at next Plan Development meeting.

Chris has a potential facilitator.

Discussion of whether or not registrations should be required. Chris will investigate further.

Contacts will be invited personally, a script to be developed.

Liaison Reports

None

Future Meetings

To be determined.

Other Business (Updates):

None

Adjournment

At 8:50 PM, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

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