

Energy and Climate Action Committee

Minutes as amended February 10th, 2022

NEXT MEETING WILL BE March 10th at 4:45

Present: Paul Cass, Kevin Clements, Susan Chandler, Hakim Janah and John Londa

Virtually present: Martin Culik, Richard Kendall, David Jacobson, Bailey Nobili and select board liaison Michael Hermann

Call to Order: Susan Chandler called the meeting to order at 4:45pm.

Announcements: Bailey Nobili, a student from Nauset Regional High School was welcomed to our committee as our student representative.

George Stuteville will not be joining us in the near term due to illness so John Londa will now be a regular member rather than an associate and George will hopefully be rejoining us in the future.

Please sign and return your annual conflict of interest forms to Susan to submit to the Town Clerk

From now on we will do an individual role call and have each member vote, "Aye or nay", rather than all just saying our vote together

The Orleans Citizens forum meeting will be held, February 28th at 4:00pm regarding climate change. Zoom link:  
**Join the Zoom meeting [by clicking here](#), or by phone: (646) 558-8656**  
**Questions can be asked during the forum. You can also email questions in advance to [info@orleanscitizensforum.org](mailto:info@orleanscitizensforum.org)**

March 1st meeting of the Outer Cape Climate Change Committees at 4:30 with Julian Cyr as guest please direct questions to Carol Harris, [carol\\_harris@comcast.net](mailto:carol_harris@comcast.net) or Susan Chandler, [smchandler508@gmail.com](mailto:smchandler508@gmail.com). Zoom link:  
**Join Zoom Meeting**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84705247817?pwd=YVNseDFOSIBzTUFzWjhiOENVSEVPZz09>

Review of minutes: Approval of the January minutes were amended follows.

Motion for Old Kings Highway part of last month's minutes: We clarify that the second was from Kevin Clements. We split this motion in two for clarification.

**Amended Motion1:** Our committee will write the Old Kings Highway Commission and suggest that any denial be given to the applicant in writing for a proposed residential solar installations and available for review; and we suggest that if successful, applications could be posted on a website for public review.

**Amended Motion2:** We will send a letter to the select board stating our support for bill 1326 and recommending the select board offer the same support for this bill.

Vote: Unanimous for both these motions 8-0-0

Motion to approve these minutes as amended Vote: 8-0-0

New Business

We discussed the proposed Equity/ Climate Change statement considering the edits by Hakim to add "which are typically more vulnerable and exposed. Then, at Martin's suggestion remove the middle sentence and keep the first and third sentence.

**Motion** to approve with the above amendments (See revised statement as passed below. )Susan moved; seconded by Paul Cass. Vote: 8-0-0. Approved version.

### Equity/ Climate Justice Statement

Climate change equity means both protection from environmental and climate hazards as well as access to environmental benefits for all, regardless of income, race, ethnicity and other characteristics. Yet with strong and thoughtful policies all can equally benefit with strategies to address, mitigate and adapt to climate change.

John Londa described his analysis of the FY21 Annual Green Community Report sent out to the committee:

Significant findings: Reduction of 11% in energy use. Vehicles were down 15% why the reduction is not clear

Impacts of COVID on energy usage, clarification details would be nice

Landfill mounted solar array: saved 39%

John recommended that the committee received read access to MA energy insight report

**Motion** made by Rich to gain this access (from the Town Administrator) and that considerations be made for energy conservation measures: Seconded by Hakim Vote: 8-0-0

John put together a format for quarterly reporting from this committee to the BOS

**Motion** to adopt this format made by Kevin, seconded by John Vote: 8-0-0

**Motion** to adopt this particular draft report as our quarterly report for this quarter made by Martin seconded by Rich, Vote: 8-0-0

Community Outreach Plan FY2022-2023: John put together the beginnings of a great plan

Susan had an idea to communicate this plan out to other relevant town committees

Martin proposed including the Cape Light's and Eversource's "rate case"

Michael mentioned that we could post things on our section on Orleans's website

Susan mentioned that the Cape Cod Climate Action Collaboration is planning to do a per town page for climate change

**Motion** to approve this community engagement plan made by: Martin, seconded by Paul Vote: 8-0-0

John Volunteered to start off our Community Outreach Plan in the month of March on the topic of municipal solar. Martin volunteered for Cape Light in April and David will do heat pumps in May. We will need more committee volunteers after that.

Nauset Beach EV initiative: Susan mentioned EV charging stations might be about \$10,000 per station from a vendor meeting. Paul mentioned the different types of charging stations and plug types. David mentioned the short duration of the seasons at the beach in consideration with the setbacks Ron Collins described from the Depot Square charging station. He also mentioned how getting these stations out there will encourage people to drive

EVs. Michael mentioned green community benefits vs costs and economic considerations Rich mentioned the solar canopy project at the Captains Golf Course in Brewster as a possibility for the Nauset Beach

Susan will follow up with Ron Collins and try to get the current plan for the Nauset beach renovation so we could research what solarizing there might cost.

Susan mentioned her meeting with Michael Hermann and Ron Mgrdichian from Old Kings Hwy Historical District Commission. Ron had concerns with Barbara's presentation and our committee's discussion from last month.

OKHRHDC will now give applicants who were denied solar installations a written rationale for the denial. Ron did not agree to post successful applications on a website and said the application and instructions are very clear. Susan said it was beneficial to have met Ron and understand the viewpoint of the OKHRHDC in order to appropriately promote solar installations in Orleans.

**Public Comment:** Bailey mentioned the reef project that the high school Green Club has been promoting for Nauset and what Monomoy High School did with the reconstruction waste

Agenda items for next month: Report on green communities leftover monies.

**Motion to Adjourn**, made by Susan seconded by Paul  
Vote to adjourn: 8-0-0.

Meeting ended at 6:46pm

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Kendall and Susan Chandler