

Arrowsic Climate Resilience Committee Meeting Notes
Wednesday – April 26.2023 6:00 – 7:30 pm

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Attendees: Jody Jones, Pam Wischkaemper, Aleisha Khan, Karin Sadtler, Tom Spear, Mona Schlein, Dan Cassidy, Jack Carr, Jennifer Geiger, Jenna Howard, Camille Beaulieu

Absent: Margaret Coughlin, Jesse Nankin McMahon

Meeting Goals

- Receive a status update of the Hydrology study
- Review draft Handbook outline, generate ideas, and clarify how it will differ from Action Plan
- Add committee input to Action Plan
- Learn about & discuss updates from sub-committees

Action Steps

1. Approved March 30 meeting minutes
2. Jody will reach out to Phine to coordinate with the committee on sharing handbook information at the town meeting
3. Aleisha to put table in the shared folder so everyone can add specific handbook topic suggestions
4. Tom will call Down East and see what photos are available in issue with coastal towns
5. (Tom?) will put out a request for disaster photos (maybe an Arrow article)
6. Jody will reach out to Clark Cooper who is working on taking photos/gathering data on water levels
7. Jennifer will work with Camille to organize how to present at the town meeting (sometime in the beginning of June after Camille starts)

Discussion

1. Hydrology study – We’ve received a letter from Melissa with a task list for the study. Some relevant work has already been done under the telecom study.
 - a. A small group will meet in May to discuss a survey and will come back to this group about how that will move forward.
 - b. There is some discussion about how the new ADU law may influence the population in Arrowsic. (Jennifer – the Governor’s office should be able to help us with a population estimate)
 - c. Karin has reached out to Gail to ask about the wave energy/hydro-power discussions. There are a couple of communities utilizing this technology.
2. Handbook brainstorming on content
 - a. Shorter will make it more readable
 - b. What can we share at the town meeting – propose to potentially have the outline available or a summary 1-pager with goals (noting that Camille doesn’t start until late May). The purpose would be to let people know this is what we’re doing and what progress has been made, also to save the date for Sept. meeting.
 - c. Topic Ideas:
 - i. Suggested way to ‘bucket’ the information: (1) Take Action (personal opportunities in your home to be prepared), (2) Be Prepared (community- level opportunities), and (3) Be Informed (resources and information for advocating at the town level)
 - ii. Community is important, we need to bring others up to speed
 - iii. Knowing how to turn off water, for example

- iv. Emphasize the first 2 buckets in the content; minimize the 3rd – maybe an appendix
 - v. Take the voice of a caring community/culture – talking to your neighbor
 - vi. Mention things to do with incentives, free, etc.
 - vii. Add Resources (embedded and maybe as 4th bucket)
 - viii. Could include a comparison chart for heating options – cost, comparison on carbon – value of windows/envelope
 - ix. Maybe include sea level rise maps
 - d. (Jack) Overall communications comment – Think about directing our communications through the neighborhood groups (this was done in prep for the meeting last August).
 - i. Neighborhoods have different issues – we could let these groups do the work for us, in terms of suggesting topics [note: we’re not going to the communities in this draft stage – but a good strategy for the hydrology study]
 - ii. The Handbook could list neighborhoods and their organizations, how they communicate, etc.
 - e. Handbook feedback – share detailed outline with the ACRC for comment (only), followed by a full draft for comment (only) – no wordsmithing
8. Action Plan
- a. Jody has been reaching out to other town committee heads to see how we can be of service. Will look for people to use State protocol document to get data to estimate our GHG
 - b. Jody is putting any input received into our online folders
 - c. Review:
 - i. Judy should have a couple chapters for us next time we meet
 - ii. Our message should help people understand the problem; share a message of hope along with the serious message about impact. Once we get some chapters together, we can edit to try to include these ideas.
 - iii. We will wait and see how Judy would like us provide input
9. Sub-committee Report-outs (15 minutes)
- a. No additional updates on Regional Projects, Community Workshops, Communications, Community meetings, Education
 - b. Grant Opportunities:
 - i. Dan and Jenna have been - - town buildings and roads,
 - ii. Select Board is interested in both of building and roads. They are considering adding PV on the fire barn. The size is affected by a potential heat pump so discussions are ongoing.
 - iii. 127 is definitely getting done There will be a working session this fall. It’s important that we be prepared for that in terms of thinking about issues such as intersecting roads and driveways (what happens to them?).
 - 1. There are also available grants for some town roads.
 - 2. Another important and related issue is preserving marsh health. We have two ecologists in town – Slade Moore and Claire Enterline. Slade spoke about how tidal crossings allow sufficient water movement to keep salt marshes healthy, which supports their ability to sequester carbon.
 - 3. The current plan calls for large culverts but we need to incorporate a fuller marsh migration plan.
 - iv. Town roads identified as issues (get from Jody) when she met with -
10. Meeting planning:
- a. **Next meeting May 17th at 6PM**
 - b. Judy will join us and share updates on the Action Plan

- c. Include a discussion of getting the data Melissa requested for the hydrology study
- d. We need to support Camille in getting started and with the town meeting, June 17
- e. **Summer meeting dates (tentative):**
 - i. **June 28 (Wednesday)**
 - ii. **July 26**
 - iii. **August 23 -**