

Arrowsic Climate Resilience Committee
Wednesday – June 28 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Hybrid Meeting: in-person at Town Hall and online

Draft Meeting Notes

Participants: Jesse McMahon, Jenna Howard, Karin Sadtler, Tom Spear, Jennifer Geiger, Camille Beaulieu, Aleisha Khan, Mona Schlein, Jody Jones, Jack Carr, Pam Wischkaemper, Judy Colby-George and Madeline Tripp (Viewshed)

Meeting convened at 6:05pm. Jody welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda.

May 17 minutes approved

Discussions

1. Town Meeting Recap
 - ADU ordinance was discussed (see [draft that was passed at Town meeting in google drive here](#))
2. Action Plan
 - **ACRC** will comment on the version submitted just prior to the meeting. Will need to see additional content with introduction, vulnerability assessment, and action plan pulled together to resolve some concerns. There is interest in exploring the organizational changes proposed by Karin
 - Judy and Madeline will consider this in their next step (have focused on getting the content written to date)
 - **Question:** Will we include a GHG inventory? (If so, of what?)
 - Photos
 - A request will come out in the Arrow; Jody has also reached out directly to a few people
 - Tom recommends we contact Evan D'Souza (a photography student at Morse and currently working with the Arrow); ejdsouza3@gmail.com
 - Specific photo requests? - pictures of people doing outdoors doing things related to climate change; photos of children
 - Please upload to the [Images folder](#) in our google drive
3. Proposed Schedule for Summer/Fall
 - Comments on [draft plan](#) by the ACRC and ACC
 - **Provide comments on the draft by 7/12**
 - **Judy will share with the ACC members**
 - Let Judy know if you are unable to review by 7/12 and will be providing comments later; Viewshed will take them on a rolling basis

- Jody and Aleisha will resolve any conflicting comments/input
- o Process moving forward
 - **Last week of July** – we'll have a revised draft to go out to all standing committees for review. Request feedback in 2 weeks.
 - Karin suggested contacting the health officer directly and requesting input as a chapter is dedicated to health questions.
 - Send out to the public before the September 26 community meeting (**Monday September 18**) but don't invite comment; let them know we will cover the content at the meeting and it would be helpful for them to be familiar with it (they'll be able to comment at the meeting)
- o Community Meeting September 26
 - Same day as the Select Board meeting (this was also the case last year). Jody will reach out to make sure it's not a problem.
 - Plan for 5:30 – 7:30pm
 - At this meeting, we'll ask people about their priorities
 - Distribute printed copies of the Handbook

4. Communications Update & brainstorm

- Arrow
 - o Next Arrow will out about July 10-12
 - o Camille working on a short article about her work with the Handbook
 - o 6 blurbs – Mona volunteered to work collaboratively on these with Jody and Aleisha. Tom also volunteered Denise. Camille will also work on a few – previewing some content from the Handbook.
- REMINDER that we should do some door-to-door work to get people to the September meeting

5. Other sub-committee & Activity Report-outs

- Groundwater study update
 - o Checked in with ORNL team; study seems to be moving forward with no issues
 - o The missing information is population changes (recent and projected)
- Did not get a lot of responses to the request for well locations. A reminder in the newsletter was suggested. The info has also been added to the town website

- Should have the study completed by the September meeting to present

6. Regional Projects

- Jennifer talked to a person on the Select Board in Woolwich and shared Arrowsic's approach to ADUs

7. Education – Handbook

- Camille shared the content and 2 versions of the outline to organize the content by content or by reader (homeowners, renter, visitors)
- Visitors envisioned to gain access through homeowners; could have this as a leaflet – stand alone. But some skepticism over visitors taking any action. Also question about difference between visitors and renters
- Suggestion to propose top 5 things; however, the most impactful actions may be not accessible to everyone
- Suggestion to differentiate between what people can do in their daily life vs structural changes/home investments
- Caution around making it too complex, too detailed, losing sight of what we're trying to do; remember to focus on what is most impactful
- Agreement to have two sections (removing the "visitor" audience)
- No resolution on what the 2 sections are – either homeowners and renters, or daily life on the island and longer term actions
- Timeline: Should be ready for the designer in early August

8. Upcoming Meeting Plan

- July 19
- August 23 - Discuss the plan for the 9/26 community meeting – assign jobs, etc.
- Tentatively move the September meeting to October 5 to allow Viewshed time to write up notes so we can review 9/26 outcomes

9. Other Business

- Reviewing Suggestions for the Action Plan – avoid scope creep and ensure credibility

Meeting Adjourned – 7:45 PM