

Arrowsic Climate Resilience Committee Meeting Notes Wednesday – August 23, 2023. 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Meeting Goals

- Finalize plan and goals for the September community meeting
- Organize roles and responsibilities for pre meeting outreach
- Discuss and plan next steps on the Climate Handbook
- Subcommittee updates

Meeting convened at 6:05 PM.

Attendees: Karin Sadtler, Mona, Schlein, Jesse McMahan, Dan Cassidy, Aleisha Khan, Jody Jones, Jack Carr, Jennifer Geiger

1. Old Business:
 - a. Approved minutes from July meeting.
2. Community Meeting Agenda
 - Content:
 - Clarified that ranking will be within each topic and between topics.
 - Individual ranking activity is before the discussion to help prime people for participation, and to help give people who may not speak up individually a chance to discuss. After the discussion the responses will be collected. Each group will fill out a form as time allows.
 - The guiding questions should be reworded/clarified.
 - Discussion about how much guidance (scientific and/or ACRC opinion) to provide the public on the priorities.
 - Allow people to form their own opinions, but the final decision about priorities lies with the ACRC.
 - Use the workshop information from last year to rearrange topics.
 - Timing:
 - A formal break will be added after the individual activity.
 - The group decided that it's better to allocate more time for the meeting than too little.
 - There was a concern about presenting too much information and taking up too much time. The meeting content should be as concise as possible.
 - Outcomes/Goals: determine where community support is and gather information for final prioritization of CAP actions.
 - This information will be tallied up (group data and individual data will separate) to help inform the ACRC's decision-making.
3. Communication Plan & Preparation for Community Meeting
 - Communication Materials:
 - Flyer will be edited to say "For more information, visit this link..." Madeline will incorporate by Friday and send to Jody.
 - Flyer will be printed by Town at Staples, picked up by Jody.
 - Outreach:
 - Judy and Madeline will make a signup sheet for Arrowsic streets for door-to-door flyer distribution.
 - Several ACRC members volunteered to reach out to their neighborhood social media pages, email groups, etc.

- CAP Draft:
 - When the final edits to the CAP are made (adding the Swap Barn), the PDF or link will be posted on the ACRC webpage.
 - A clean Adobe link with commenting enabled will be made available for other Committees to comment on. These comments will be incorporated after the Public Meeting.
 - Another copy with commenting disabled will be available to the general public.
 - Responsibilities:
 - Aleisha and Jody will coordinate with the Committee to make sure that refreshments are handled.
 - Childcare will be arranged by Judy. Jesse will investigate leads in Arrowsic and share with Viewshed. Childcare will be compensated, but no RSVP required to lower the barrier for parents. Activities for the kid's table will be arranged by Viewshed.
 - ACRC members are needed as facilitators and notetakers. Viewshed will provide instructions to the ACRC prior to the meeting, as well as a brief orientation the day of.
 - Karin will be arriving at 5:15 pm to move trucks and will need assistance sweeping and setting up tables.
4. Discuss next steps/options for the Climate Handbook
- The handbook has outstanding edits based on the comments from the ACRC and Conservation Commission. There is a need for more accessibility and clarity.
 - Two options for finishing handbook:
 - ACRC incorporates comments into existing Handbook.
 - Reorganize actions using the framework of the CAP, putting recommendations into the new structure. It could also incorporate the individual actions in CAP. Build it as a companion piece to CAP.
 - Discussion:
 - There was interest in reworking the Handbook using the CAP structure.
 - Once the feedback on the CAP from the Town committees and the public meeting is incorporated, then the Handbook work can begin.
5. Other sub-committee & Activity Report-outs
- a. Regional Projects – Jack, Dan, & Jennifer
 - i. Meeting with the CRP Region coordinator—Gabe. One takeaway was the importance of the impact on road access. Gabe will reach out to the regional MDOT coordinator about their plans for #127. There was also a discussion about banding together with Georgetown to influence the engineering plan that is under work. Gabe described the potential of a grant funded pilot project for a regional (Georgetown and Arrowsic) climate action coordinator for this infrastructure project.
 - ii. The Town roads are also at risk, and this could be shared project with Georgetown. Could finance a joint project coordinator through a GOPIF grant as a pilot project to help develop a plan and identify grants/match. The Selectboards and Road Commissioners from each town could meet to identify overlapping concerns.
 - iii. PPI grants from the DOT can be used for any project related to roads, such as adding bike lanes, how to incorporate marsh migration.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.