

Arrowsic Climate Resilience Committee Meeting
Wednesday – February 14, 2024. 6:00 – 7:30 pm - Town Hall and zoom

Meeting Notes

1. Welcome, introductions, select note-taker

- In attendance: Jody, Karin, Tom, Jesse, Madeline, Judy, Aleisha, Abby, Jennifer,
- Aleisha agreed to take notes
- The meeting was recorded
- The meeting minutes for November 15, 2023 were approved

0. Climate Action Handbook - Discussion

- Clarified that photos will be incorporated into the Introduction section, with the possible additional of a page to maintain the look & feel
- The designer will use QR codes for the links in the print version and shorter links in the online version
- High res photos will be substituted for some of the photos if we decide to keep them in; all will be cited.
- Positive reactions to the draft - short, easy to read, targeted, direct, effective
- Recommendations:
 1. Revisit the reverse type in the resources boxes – the smaller type is hard to read, especially if printed .
 2. Group discussion of the use of lower case in the title and headings. While it follows the model of the CAP, the group wasn't sure how it would come across. Decision to ask the designer to listen to the discussion via the meeting recording and consider options.
 3. For the Introduction, consider formatting it to look like the other pages/sections.
- Need a design for the back cover – Suggestion to use the graphic Madeline designed; Jody will send it to the designer
- **Next Steps**
 1. Review and add comments into the document by next Wednesday; Aleisha and Jody will resolve any conflicting comments.
 2. Jody plans to meet with designer and discuss above input, and then finalize over email. No rush but will work toward the public town meeting.

0. Climate Action Plan (CAP) Discussion

- Jody congratulated the committee on getting the town involved in development of the CAP, noting that it has led to this becoming our town plan, and thanks to Viewshed for listening and working so hard with us on this project.
- A reference to MaineTREE will be included; otherwise we are close to done
- On the title page – request to Madeline to move the top title box to line up with the left side of the page
- **Next Steps**
 - Jennifer G. will do a last read through for type-o's on Thursday night

- o Viewshed will produce a final version (noting comments above)

5. Public Hearing - Discussion of moving toward town adoption of the CAP

- There needs to be a warrant article to adopt this for Arrowsic; this should be ready to go in April. It will generally ask for the town to vote to adopt the Action Plan for the Town of Arrowsic. - - Jennifer will develop an initial draft
- ACRC should make a 10-15 minute summary presentation of the CAP to the Select Board, focusing on the key ideas of the plan. The goal will be to help them understand what's in it and discuss it together.
 1. Viewshed can help with the slide deck
 2. Jennifer will ask at the next Select Board meeting their opinion on the format of the presentation
- There's a window of about 2 weeks before the public meeting to publish a notice, and it must be published twice.
- Jody would like the Select Board in attendance at the Town Meeting, so it would be helpful to try to find a date at their next meeting
- **Next Steps**
 1. Jennifer will draft an initial warrant article and ask the Select Board about presentation format
 2. Jody will work with Viewshed on drafting a presentation slide deck

6. Next steps for ACRC? - Discussion on expected needs and challenges of implementing the CAP, the future of ACRC, and individual commitments

- Jody: ACRC should complete its work. Is not going to continue as co-chair and would rather use skill set to do related but different work – such as being involved in one of the targeted actions needed to support implementation.
- Tom: Can't make any commitments just now
- Jesse: Wondering what will be the driving force behind the CAP if the ACRC is disbanded - concerned the momentum will be lost. But is also interested in some of the CAP topics more than others.
- Judy suggested a small implementation committee (e.g., 3 people) – required to report to the Select Board 1-2 times a year on what was accomplished or not. Their job would be to shepherd not to “do”.
- Karin: Believes that the more connected we are in the community, the more likely we are to move forward - - this is done by sharing time and hosting events, such as educational opportunities. Also, in our action plan, the hope is that committee chairs will meet with each other ... so, maybe we should have at least one meeting with them to discuss the challenge with them and brainstorm.
 - Jody – Agreement that we could host a committee chair forum to discuss the CAP and ask what resources they need
- Aleisha: Difficult to support implementation remotely but very happy to help on activities like writing grants
- **Next Steps**
 - Jody will do a survey to get the committee chairs together

0. **Climate Workshop/talks/festival?**

- Would be good if ACRC hosted the first of these. Could hold on newly-purchased water access (but no infrastructure)

- **Next Steps**

- All to send topics and possible people to speak to these to Jody

7. **Proposed 2024 meeting dates** - Wed, April 10 and Wed, May10

- Skip March meeting but we should have the CAP done by then. Watch your email.
- Aleisha will draft a reminder March email to everyone (where we should be on next steps)
- (Tom) proposes that we consider discussing with the Selectmen and committees what ACRC should do next. Jody will ask the select board to put this on the agenda.

0. **Adjourn** at 7:22