

CLIMATE COMMITTEE
TOWN OF EDGARTOWN

MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING HELD ON APRIL 26 2022

Julia Livingston, the chair of the committee, opened the meeting at 4:26 PM.

The following members of the committee were present on zoom, as follows:

Jennifer Blum
Josey Kirkland
Peter Kirn
Kevin Loughlin
Cari Williamson

In addition, Alan Strahler and Donna Blackburn were present on zoom as invited guests.

The first order of business was public comment, but no members of the public were present other than the invited guests.

The next order of business was a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5 meeting, which had previously been emailed to all committee members. There was a motion duly seconded, no discussion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Julia introduced Donna Blackburn, an artist and graphic designer suggested by Kristi Strahler. Donna's draft logo for the committee was sent to the members of the committee by email. Members of the committee generally expressed their approval and made a few suggestions. Donna was asked to continue her work on the logo. She undertook to email the committee a new draft logo along with a draft of the front and back of the proposed 8 1/2 x 5 1/2 card within the next week or so. She said that her work on this would be pro bono as a contribution to the environmental efforts of the Town.

The next order of business was the three visits with Town Department leaders for which written summaries had been emailed to all committee members in advance of the meeting, as follows: Harbormaster Charlie Blair, Wastewater Commissioner Scott Ellis, and Building Inspector Reade Milne.

There was discussion of the suggested zoning by-law changes described in the summary of the meeting with Reade Milne. Alan reminded the committee of the zoning by-law changes recommended in the June 2021 Edgartown Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan prepared as part of the Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program. It was suggested that this committee might follow up by asking Reade whether we could go to the Planning Board together with her to request a consultant to do a comprehensive overhaul of the zoning by-laws, possibly including a large house provision something like those enacted in Chilmark and West Tisbury.

Josey provided an update on her efforts to contact the Chappaquiddick Wampanoag Tribe. She said she had spoken with Alexis Moreis, a member of the tribal council, and had agreed to update Alexis regularly on items of interest arising in this Committee's work.

Alan undertook to provide contact information for the Chappaquiddick Environment Committee.

Julia said the three subcommittees should continue their interviews of Town leaders. If a subcommittee would like reassignment of responsibilities, that subcommittee should let Julia know.

Julia reminded the committee that the next meeting will be on zoom on May 10 at 4:00 PM.

There was a unanimous vote to adjourn at 5:00 PM.