

Tisbury Climate Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 1, 2021

Meeting called to order: by Melinda Loberg, Chair, at 5:32 PM.

Place: Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92047249457>
Meeting ID: 920 4724 9457 Passcode: 999816

Attendance: Committee Members: Louise Clough (LC), Anna Edey (AE),
Melinda Loberg (ML), Keith McGuire (KM), Rachel Orr (RO), Kate Shands (KS),
Bruce Stuart (Bruce), Bill Straw (Bill)

Discussion: ML opened the meeting by reviewing the Town's Covid disclosure. She then asked members who were not present at the first meeting and members the others did not know to introduce themselves. KM introduced himself as a Project Manager with Island Housing Trust and mentioned his background with ICAN (island Climate Action Network), a predecessor to the current Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) Climate Action Task Force (CATF). KS and AE also briefly introduced themselves.

RO made a minor edit to the minutes of 10/26/2021. LC made a motion to approve the edited minutes, RO seconded it, and the motion was approved 7-0 (KM abstained because he was not present at the last meeting.)

ML then laid the groundwork for the committee. She stressed the importance of adherence to the Open Meeting Law, the Code of Ethics and Conduct, and the Conflict of Interest Law. She urged all members to read all the materials and complete the tests required. RO added that members of the committee can communicate about meeting times, but cannot express opinions about committee work; she suggested that all members generally communicate through the Chair, particularly about agenda items and items for discussion. She also noted that the Town Clerk's office and the State are very helpful regarding issues concerning the Open Meeting Law. ML stated that meetings will last a maximum of 1.5 hours.

The first order of business for the committee was to identify a member of this committee to serve on the MVC Climate Steering Committee. ML nominated KM because of his background with ICAN. AE made a motion to appoint KM, LC seconded it, and the motion passed 8-0. ML noted that Zoom information for MVC meetings are public and are posted on the MVC website.

The second order of business was to identify Tisbury residents who would serve on the MVC's Thematic Working Groups (TWG's). LC presented a spreadsheet with names of people she & ML had identified who would be good additions to the TWG's and with the names of people who had volunteered to serve.

The TWG's are as follows:

- * Land Use & Natural Resources (LNR)
- * Infrastructure and Transportation (IT)
- * Food Security (FS)
- * Public Health & Safety (PHS)
- * Economic Resilience (ER)
- * Energy Transformation (ET)

Anne McDonough had volunteered to serve on either the LNR or the FS group. AE had volunteered to serve on either the FS or ET group. KS had volunteered to serve on the PHS group. ML noted that the goal is to get the broadest representation of island people as possible.

It was decided that the following contacts will be made:

ML will approach Phil Wallis and Nancy Weaver to ask them if they would be willing to serve on the LNR group, with Anne McDonough as a back-up, depending on which TWG she would prefer.

RO will approach Alan Fortes, Glenn Provost, and David Ferraguzzi concerning the IT group.

The committee will plan to appoint either Anne McDonough or AE to the FS group.

KS will contact Carol Bardwell to see if she would be interested in serving on the PHS group. If not, KS would be the back-up choice.

KM will approach Elio Silva and Steve Bernier regarding the ER group. However, neither of them may live in Tisbury. RO will contact Nat Benjamin &/or Ross Gannon, and perhaps one of the Douglas brothers regarding the ER group. It was mentioned that Phil Wallis would also be a good choice for this group, and he should be allowed to choose which group he would prefer, assuming he would be willing to volunteer for either one.

RO will contact David Schwab and Dana Munn to serve on the ET group, with AE as another possibility, depending on her choice of the FS or ET group.

It was decided that the committee needs to meet again in a week to review the results of these contacts. ML asked the committee to be thinking about prioritization and said she would like to invite Liz Durkee from the MVC to address the committee and suggest source materials in the near future.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by AE, seconded by LC. Motion passed 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 8, 2021 at 5:30 PM