

## **Tisbury Climate Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** November 8, 2021

**Meeting called to order:** at 5:37 PM by Melinda Loberg, Chair

**Place:** Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92533664450>

Meeting ID: 925 3366 4450 Passcode: 307460

**Attendance:** Committee Members: Louise Clough (LC), Melinda Loberg (ML), Keith McGuire (KM), Rachel Orr (RO), Kate Shands (KS)

**Discussion:** ML began by reading the Covid disclaimer and stated that the primary order of business was to review the status of the outreach efforts to identify Tisbury residents to serve on the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) Thematic Working Groups (TWG's).

KM announced that he had received an e-mail from Meghan Gombos of the MVC Climate Action Plan (CAP) Steering Committee (SC) announcing that she, Liz Durkee, and Cheryl Doble had decided to postpone the Climate Action Plan Kickoff meeting from November 17 to December 1. The decision was made to allow the towns to identify residents to sit on each of the TWG's; they said it still allowed enough time to meet the timeline that had previously been agreed upon. The e-mail also said that the TWG's should plan to have their first meetings between December 5 and December 15.

ML said that most of the TWG leaders had been identified, and she knew who two of them would be. Noli Taylor will head the Food Security (FS) group, and Samantha Look will head the Land Use & Natural Resources (LUNR) group. She asked if anyone knew of any other leaders, and KS said that Juliet Mulinare (JM) will head the Infrastructure and Transportation group. ML asked for more information about JM. KS said she was her daughter and was involved in many projects in Edgartown (including chairing the Master Plan Committee) and the island as a whole (including the Coalition to Create a Martha's Vineyard Housing Bank). Lila Fischer may be the head of the Public Health and Safety group.

LC moved to approve the minutes with one edit, KM seconded the motion, and the motion passed 5-0.

The committee members then reported on their outreach efforts.

- ML contacted Phil Wallace and Nancy Weaver to serve on the LUNR group. Nancy accepted.
- RO reported that she was playing telephone tag with Alan Fortes and added another candidate to the Infrastructure and Transportation (IT) list: Heidi Stevenson, who is

Sandy Ray's daughter and works for Sterling Insurance and had detailed knowledge of flood insurance and flood maps.

- Anne McDonough had previously volunteered for the FS group and was approved.
- KS reported that she had contacted Carol Bardwell, who had declined, so she (KS) would serve as Tisbury's representative to the Public Health and Safety (PHS) group.
- ML reported that Phil Wallace agreed to serve on the Economic Resilience (ER) group, and that he has a "kitchen cabinet" to help him.
- RO reported that David Schwab agreed to serve on the Energy Transformation (ET) group.
- Anna Edey had previously volunteered to serve on either the FS or ET group and the committee agreed that she could serve as a second representative to whichever group she preferred.

ML then outlined the plan for upcoming meetings. She said we need to re-focus on our mission and set our priorities; we all need to start on the same page in terms of understanding where we stand, what research has already been done, and what needs to come next, so that we can provide useful advice to the town. She suggested that we meet next week (November 15) and perhaps again on November 22. For the next meeting, we need to review our mission as outlined by the Select Board in their August 24 memo, the MVP report, and the Coastal Resilience Study.

ML said she plans to have representatives of the Town come to our meetings to bring us up to speed on what has already been accomplished in the community and what others think needs to be done. To wit:

Bill Straw will review the work of the Energy Committee.

Phil Wallace is willing to speak to us about waterfront businesses.

We need for John Crocker, Harbormaster, to talk to us about coastal resilience and the grants that are already in process, perhaps in collaboration with Phil Wallace.

We also need for Liz Durkee of the MVC to bring us up to date on their activities.

RO suggested that Kirk Metell, Head of the Tisbury Department of Public Works, could update us on Town projects. She added that she has an extensive collection of maps and can make them available to the committee. ML welcomed that suggestion and said she will be developing a Google Drive site where we can store various reports which will be useful to the committee.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by KS, seconded KM and LC. Approved 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:11 PM.

**Next Meeting:** November 15, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

**Minutes submitted by:** Kate Shands