

## Minutes

### MVC Climate Action Task Force

Friday, November 20, 2020

#### Zoom

**CATF members present:** Beckie Finn, Alan Strahler, Liz Durkee, Richard Toole, Ben Robinson, Alex Elvin, Tristan Israel, Cheryl Doble, Jim Newman, Bob Johnston, Joan Malkin, Rob Hannemann, Noli Taylor, Dan Doyle

#### I. Next steps following letter to Elected Representatives

Dan has heard back from Congressman Keating's office regarding the letter, and will contact Keith Chatinover for good staff member contact at the Governor's office, per Task Force suggestion. Follow up to these offices will be needed in January.

#### II. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Resiliency scoring criteria

In reviewing contending transportation related infrastructure projects on the island, eligible for federal highway dollars, the island's Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) uses a criteria to rank prospective projects. JTC is considering adding a Resiliency category as part of the ranking system. Dan and Liz came up with proposed language for JTC to consider in assigning a score from 1-4, with four being the highest:

- 1) perpetuates vulnerable standards/infrastructure
- 2) represents a project that would achieve minimal resiliency gains
- 3) Accounts for more frequent and intense climate hazard events in a meaningful way, including nature-based solutions
- 4) Encourages non-coastal transportation alternatives, where appropriate

#### III. 2021 Goals - Climate Change Coordinator and Task Force

Click [here](#) for goals discussed. Group recognized that no single person can have the bandwidth needed to advance all of the goals. Suggestions include a roadmap over 10 years that includes prioritization – and then backwards planning to determine how those goals will be achieved.

MVC CATF should also strive toward becoming an information clearinghouse for key resources and inquiries by other stakeholders. Liz is beginning to arrange meetings with town BOS, Energy C'tees, and Climate C'tees.

Climate Resilience C'tee (CRC) will meet on Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> to figure out the package that will be prepared for towns as they consider the appropriate formation of their respective emerging Resiliency committees.