

Minutes

MVC Climate Action Task Force

Friday, May 6, 2022

Zoom

CATF members present: Ben Robinson (BR), Tristan Israel (TI), Kathy Newman (KN), Bob Johnston (BJ), Alan Strahler (AS), Cheryl Doble (CD), Joan Malkin (JM), Norman Willard (NW), Tristan Israel (TI), Bill Straw (BS), Cheryl Doble (CD), Liz Durkee (LD), Dan Doyle (DD)

CAP update

Draft, Goals, Objectives will be on display at the Grange Hall for Climate Week.

There will eventually be a goal for outreach & education. We need to think about how to distribute & socialize the findings from the Plan.

[Slideshow](#) recapping the progress, provided by Liz Durkee.

Climate Week

Goal: inspire everyone to take action; there are over [40 events next week](#). There will be a climate action pledge at every event that we will encourage people to take.

There are inserts in the newspapers, posters in many places and flyers have been distributed.

Julia Cassalino has been a stellar event planner.

<https://vineyardgazette.com/news/2022/05/05/plastic-alternatives>

There has also been a presence in classrooms where CAW planners have visited schools. See this [Gazette article](#) for an example of what students have been inspired to do.

Vision Fellowship postings for energy roles

Postings are now out; interview process will begin soon. Deadline is May 20th for MVC position; Vineyard Power deadline is sometime in June.

Recap of SSA- Sen. Markey's office-CATF meeting

Meeting was held with Steamship Authority's General Manager Bob Davis, and Vineyard Haven's Port Council Rep, John Cahill, along with staff from Sen. Markey's office

Bob Davis expressed Vision, wants to have someone hired by July 1st who is dedicated to coordinating grants

BIL – At least \$1 billion in IJA/BIL grants over the upcoming five years are available for rural ferries; however, the two ferry ports must be 50 miles apart; Alaska;

A new avenue for funding could be a congressionally earmarked package.

SSA GM may have been somewhat surprised at the findings of the Steamship report.

Onshore charging was part of the conversation as well. The Alternative Propulsion report will be discussed at the SSA Board of Governors meeting on May 26th.

Could WHOI collaboration / partnership for charging be explored?

More fleets discussion

The Transp. C'tee at MVRHS is talking about E-buses. The C'tee is meeting with the Highland group regarding charging prospects; this is challenging given the uncertainty around renovations for the school.

It helpful to send out an email blast to keep CATF members showing up at the Transportation C'tee meetings; presence is helpful; Noli and Kate have been teaming up thus far. The Energy Planner will likely end up going to these meetings once they're hired.

Additional working group updates

Education C'tee has morphed into Climate Week; an Introductory statement will be read at every event that week.

Are we getting enough press coverage? This could very well be a story in a metropolitan newspaper with bigger readership; Joan may reach out to Remi works at the NYTimes; Ben may do the same for Sabrina Shankman at the Boston Globe.

Yankee Magazine will be coming down; the writer will be on the island from Tues-Saturday; it began as a story on SLR and has evolved into more coverage for Climate Week.

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