Joint CATF/CRC Meeting Notes - January 8, 2021

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This joint meeting of the Climate Action Task Force and Climate Resilience subcommittee was called to discuss 2021 goals for the CATF and CRC. The following is a summary of the goals discussed.

CATF Discussion of 2021 Goals

Engage the federal government

new administration, federal funding

Governing Structure - MVC/Towns/Town Energy and Climate Committees

- coordination of town work, coordination of grants so towns aren't competing with each other, MVC guidance
- ten year trajectory
- climate committee reps on CRC, Liz meet with climate committees regularly

Energy Transformation Goals

- CATF liaison with major third party players: SSA, Eversource
- federal assistance for Steamship Authority energy transformation
- zoning changes, fixed income energy efficiency, audits
- education on renewable energy
- renewable energy for municipal buildings
- funding for energy professional
- Island Innovation Ambassador Program
- funding for small projects (energy and adaptation)

CRC Discussion of 2021 Goals

MVP grant application for Phase II Vineyard Climate Resilience Plan

Listening Sessions

- broaden participation
- engage students

School Curriculum and Climate-related Workforce Training

 Ace MV, state funding for workforce development Green, Blue, Creative economies, speakers at schools, Protect Your Environment Club, Felix Neck, environmental education group, Anna Cotton, Barbara-Jean Chauvin, STEM teachers, elementary schools

Coordinate activity with Island organizations

• graphic map of organization interaction

Zoning Bylaw Updates

- find out what Planning Board concerns are/show them a list of potential concerns
- guidance for updates
- community buy-in

Town support

• support towns - con coms, planning boards, empower them

Discussion of having another Kerry/McCarthy event

- virtual or not?
- reserve tabernacle?
- possibly in fall for Islanders
- a well-moderated event means more knowledge than a speaker
- an Obama event?
- Organize a Climate Week with activities everywhere!

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