

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE COMMITTEE (CAC)  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE, TIME, PLACE:**

Tuesday, April 08, 2014, 6:30 PM, Fairfax Community Center

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:**

Regular Meeting

**ATTENDANCE:**

CAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bruce Ackerman (GPIC); Secretary Cassidy DeBaker, (GPIC); Barbra Coler (Council Member); Vice Chair Jody Timms (Community); and Kiki La Porta (Community).

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Jennifer Hammond and David Haskell (Candidates for Climate Committee)

**ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING:**

- C. DeBaker and B. Ackerman to present on the CAP and GHG inventory calculations on April 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm at the Fairfax Community Center. Special meeting/open to the public.
- Provide hard copies of the CAP to the CAC.
- Inquire with Resilient Neighborhoods about how many households in Fairfax have participated in the program.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- Chair B. Ackerman called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Approved April 08, 2014 Agenda.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

**4. COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS AND REQUESTS**

- K. LaPorta requested hard copies of the CAP

## **5. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- B. Ackerman: Chair
- Jody Timms: Vice Chair
- Cassidy DeBaker: Secretary

## **6. DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPERATIONS**

- Regular meeting will occur on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm.
- Quorum check via email prior to meeting (e.g., cancel meeting if no quorum).
- No bi-laws necessary

## **7. DISCUSSION OF CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND DETERMINATION OF INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES**

- Important to review the CAP spreadsheet and the assumptions in the plan.
- D. Haskell discussed the idea of “standard offer” (i.e., VermontSPEED standard offer program). Explore the idea of carbon savings and carbon/local offsets.
- K. La Porta defined the concept of negawatt power-amount of energy (measured in watts) saved.
- B. Ackerman presented on the “meter” and the measurable units that the CAC could potentially get numbers for each month: electrical, water, and waste. This would create a proxy for progress and public awareness.  
B. Coler suggested a “tool kit” handout introducing reduction measures/actions for the public (i.e., grey water system, green building/remodel options, plastic bag and foam container ban).
- J. Hammond mentioned video/film links about climate and behavioral change on the Sustainable Fairfax website.
- Inquire with Resilient Neighborhoods about how many households in Fairfax have participated in the program.
- CAC will focus on preparing the Action Plan at the next meeting-need to prioritize potential programs.

## **8. NEXT CAC MEETING**

- Special meeting to be held April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, at the Fairfax Community Center.
- The next CAC meeting will be on the regular date of the second Tuesday of the month, May13, 2014, at 6:30 PM, at the Fairfax Community Center.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** by Cassidy DeBaker, CAC Secretary

**DISTRIBUTION:**

Draft minutes were emailed to: B. Ackerman and Michele Gardner

Approved minutes will be emailed to: B. Ackerman and Michele Gardner