

In attendance (via zoom): David Ward, Deb Harrison, Michael De Winter, Chuck Kabat, Leigh Hafrey, Emily Walton, Patrick Hogan, Joe Flanagan

Dave Ward called meeting to order at 7:01pm.

1. Public Comment: no comments
2. February Meeting Minute Adoption: Chuck Kabat moves to accept minutes, Michael De Winter seconds, all in favor
3. Net Zero Stretch Code: discussion postponed
 - Emily Walton gave context for the updated building codes in MA; Dedham automatically gets rolled into new stretch code, but new stretch code does not include Net Zero, so there is a new “opt-in” code that would include net zero guidelines, which would have to be adopted by Town Meeting
 - Adam Chapdelaine will present at the next meeting to give the committee more information about the opt-in net zero code, so we can decide if we want to support
4. Dedham Square Green Space Follow-up:
 - Deb Harrison reached out to Mike Butler and shared with the committee the warm response that included resources for engaging with Town Green Working Group
 - Deb attended part of last meeting 2/23 via zoom – included architectural designers, was not big picture discussion, was more logistical/in the weeds
 - Deb plans to pull out of the CAP the points of intersection with the TGWG to share with Mike Butler. She’s still working on it.
 - Pulling out relevant pieces of CAP seems to be a worthwhile exercise, potentially for all relevant groups/committees/boards in town, any time there is an opportunity. SAC can assist the group by showing the interconnections in the Climate Action Plan.
 - Potential to do a similar process for MIT Endicott House development
 - Leigh Hafrey and Patrick Hogan were also on the call, Leigh didn’t get the sense that there was much public presence.
 - Leigh and Deb also noticed a fair amount of discussion about safety, parking, and a dog water fountain, and how trees and shrubs might reduce visibility. Need for the site to be all things to all people.
 - Next steps? Seems like they have renderings of a plan, but still a month or two away from having actual plans to show. This is the time to make comments.
 - Joe Flanagan emphasized doing it now, not waiting.
 - CAP would validate the work of the TGWG, by supporting putting in trees, etc.
 - What should our involvement be? Deb can follow up with Mike Butler with the overlap with the Climate Action Plan. Continue attending TGWG meetings and responding when issues come up.

- Subcommittee to review communications between SAC and TGWG: Deb Harrison, Chuck Kabat, Leigh Hafrey

5. Existing Tree Canopy Guidelines Follow-up:

- Tree inventory tool on town website (ARCGIS Tree Inventory Viewer)
 - o Dedham has a tree inventory which is just public trees (not private)
 - o Joe showed us how to use it. Could be a good resource for residents.
- DPW gets a certain number of trees each year, and can plant them for residents in their front yard, but not many residents want them. Often gives them to CRWA to plant on river banks, etc.
- Want to promote Tree Canopy aspect of Climate Action Plan, potentially do an educational campaign: let people know what the goal is and how helpful Joe Flanagan/DPW can be in supporting residents who want trees

6. Climate Action Plan Outreach:

- Send letter drafted by Dave Ward and Emily Walton to John Tocci of the School Building Rehabilitation Committee, signed by SAC members. Emily to email it and cc committee members
- Michael De Winter brought up proposal about entering into agreement with Solect Energy and the school properties, and how that won't make it to spring Town Meeting, but noticed Good Energy is speaking at Select Board meeting tomorrow, curious what it's about
- Michael will try to listen into that meeting to get a sense of what the discussion is about.

7. Recycling Day:

- Recycle Day May 6th, DPW day April 28th (conflicts every other weekend in April)
- Electronics, shredding, scrap metal (?), Bikes Not Bombs, Styrofoam (?), textiles (in box at the middle school); it has been difficult getting vendors for styrofoam
- Trees for Recycle Day/Earth Day, could we publicize to residents helping out and planting trees?
- Earth Day is 4/22, discussion if we should do something specific; Joe reviewed who he connected with: John Kyriakis and Noreen Troccoli are going to do a one-bag event, Dedham Square Circle doing a parking lot clean-up, Dedham Civic Pride usually does Rustcraft Road, can usually send people to Riverdale Park.

8. MVP Regional Meetings:

- Leigh and Patrick attended the last meeting; sponsored by NRWA and MAPC
- A lot of polling of participants, a lot of good ideas for possible solutions – framing and prioritizing, a lot of long-term visioning
- Dedham was well represented
- Heavy rains recently, a lot of flooding around town (Highland Street, and between BJs and Best Buy)

9. New Business:

- Emily brought up potential to have ready-to-go presentation for committees/boards that we are reaching out to, in case they invite us to join a meeting.
- Dave Ward suggested an action item: everybody put together one slide for presentation for committees/boards
- Leigh pointed out need to include positive side as well (Water Trail, for example)
- Emily to work on it, Chuck/Michael/Dave would be willing to help with the effort as well.
- Patrick can save it in town sustainability folder for continued use.

10. Old Business:

- Committee membership: vacancies have been posted (posted for 30 days, then open for 10 days). There was an applicant in the past, who the posting was reshared with. Application period is now open.
- There are 8 at-large members, and a 9th Select Board member or their designee. Nancy Baker brought it to the Select Board, but we haven't heard an update.
- If your position expires, you are free to continue serving until a new appointment is made. Dave's term is expiring, Andy Belden's term expired, and one additional vacancy.

Next Meeting:

- Monday, 4/10 – Deb Harrison will act as Chair, Chuck Kabat will act as Secretary
- Planned Virtually for now, if allowed.

Motion to adjourn by Deb Harrison, 2nd by Chuck Kabat