

Minutes of the meeting

10/28/25 6:30-8, Merrimac Police Dept. community room

Members present:

Kendra Bowker

Mike Stevens

Cheryl Leone

Mara Muehe (zoom)

Liaison from MLD Ed Davis

Absent:

Andy Toomey

Liaison from Selectboard-Rob Gustison

Discussion:

-New Committee member status – Lynette Provinchel decided not to become a committee member. Lucy Abisalih will not become a committee member at this time.

-Mission Statement- reviewed drafts and will finalize at next meeting.

-Helping residents reduce emissions- will try to develop an online survey, to discern what residents are most concerned about. This method was useful on the Open Space Committee. Members will bring suggestions to next meeting.

-Climate Leader requirement- wait until a survey has been completed to bring this up again.

-Talk to Town Clerk to ask about this committee getting on town website.

-Kendra to set up a meeting with town grant writer to discuss grants that are available for climate/green energy.

Meeting Notes:

Doing a survey of residents seemed like a good place to start in order to see what people are thinking about and wanting to see happen. Open Space Committee found a survey to be helpful. This could be a good idea for our committee. It could help us focus on a decision about whether or not to try to become a Climate Leader Community as a first step.

If/when community presentations or round table is planned, it was suggested to have a topic to discuss.

Kendra will ask about the committee being added to the Town's website.

If a survey is developed it could be posted on the Town's website as well as the MLD's website.