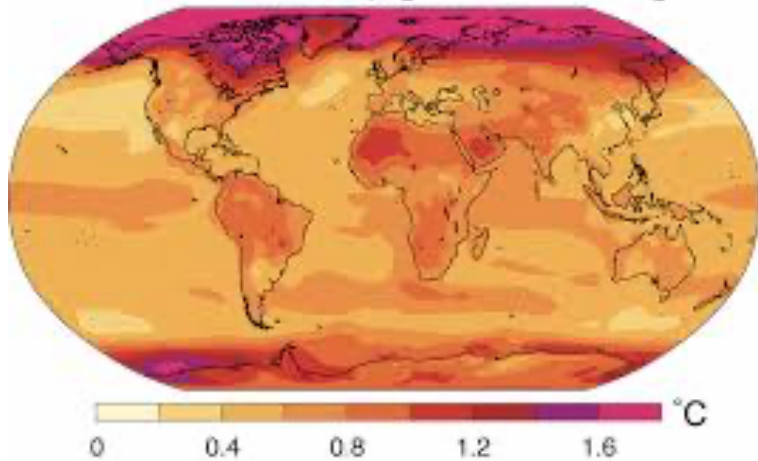




Welcome to Cape Ann Climate Crisis Action Meeting

December 12, 2019

Change in Annual Temperature
from historical anthropogenic climate forcing



Cut Greenhouse
Gases Immediately
or Face
Catastrophe, New
UN Report Warns

November 2019



“Unprecedented”
Changes
in Ocean,
Cryosphere
Due to
Global
Warming
(IPCC 11/19)

It's already happening, and it's unstoppable.



The polar regions will be profoundly different in the future. but taking action quickly can limit the worst impacts.(WWF)



**“
We are at the
beginning of a
mass extinction
and all you can
talk about is
money and fairy
tales of eternal
economic
growth. How
dare you!”**



GRETA THUNBERG
CLIMATE ACTIVIST

Goals

- Build relationships to increase efficiency of actions.
- Review progress to date
- Develop “norms” for our work together
- Explore a coalition structure for our growing climate crisis movement on Cape Ann.
- Small group work

Roles

Committee: Planning and follow-through

All: Lean in. Participate

Jane Panicucci: Process Design and Facilitation

Agenda

Opening Remarks

Triad Discussions

Brief Review

Norms Development

Coalition Structure

Small Group Work

Closing Remarks

9:00 ADJOURN

Triads

- Spend 30 seconds silently considering your response
- Share your response with each other
- Share why, be curious about each other's responses, get interested

What leads you to this purpose? Why have you returned (or started coming), to this third coalition meeting?

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What doubts and reservations do you have?

Triads

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What promises am I willing to make?

Our Progress

September Meeting #1:

- 140 Attendees
- Created momentum
- Actionable *Bold Ideas* emerged

October Meeting #2:

- 75 Attendees
- Organized around 6 categories (based on bold ideas)
- Developed our “teams”
- Identified “the problem to solve” and next steps

Categories and Bold Ideas

1. Renewables
2. Efficiency
3. Carbon Capture/Sequestration
4. Vision/Policy/Legislation/Incentives/
Resilience
5. Communication/Spiritual Connection/
Personal Actions
6. Community Building/Education

Norms or Rules of Engagement

- Ground rules
- How we behave when together
- How we communicate and interact between meetings
- 24/7

Some Norms to Consider...

- Be present
- Speak your truth
- Assume good intent
- Be bold
- Let go and move on

Norms Process

- Individually identify top 1-2 desired norms/ behaviors
- Use verbs/words to describe the behavior vs a concept
 - Example: Speak your truth vs honesty
- Groups of 6 Agree on top 2 norms
- Present norms to the full group and align on the top 5-6 norms

Short summaries of individual
group progress to date

Arts and Climate Crisis Action

Premise: Power of the Arts to evoke emotional response to climate crisis

Goal : to create **Climate Festival of the Arts** in Gloucester either to coincide with FAIR SATURDAY November 2020 (www.fairsaturday.org), or for Spring 2021

Our Group: Small. Join if interested in arts as communication strategy!

Possible Formats:

Visual Arts-Theater-Music-Culinary Arts-Books/Poetry-Dance-Youth

Care Of Creation

There is universal concern about the impact of the climate crisis across faith communities that espouse the ethics of compassion and responsibility for the world. In many such settings, congregants pray for the earth and all of earth's creatures.

Goals:

- * Connect with other faith communities on Cape Ann
- * To make connections between our spiritual lives and the climate crisis.

Possible Activities:

1. Initiating Community wide faith reading groups
2. Demonstrating our Concern
3. Organizing regular climate crisis columns in local papers.

Community Building/ Education

Goal: We continue to explore possible action goals

Actions:

- We have been building community and educating ourselves
- We are using both meeting time and online based polling to both schedule our meeting dates and times and gauge our capacity to meet and work
- We are exploring shared responsibility and leadership in the group.

Renewable Energy

Goal: Establish a multi-community electricity aggregation program to purchase electricity with the highest possible level of renewable energy and affordability for residential customers in the Cape Ann region, and to draw some or all of the renewable electricity from community solar farms that ideally would be located in the participating communities.

Initial Actions:

1. Arrange a meeting with experts: Larry Chretien of Green Energy Consumers Alliance and John O'Rourke of Good Energy Inc., a MAPC representative
2. Invite interested communities to this meeting: (Gloucester, Rockport, Essex, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Beverly, and Salem, maybe others)
3. Focus meeting on aggregation strategy, save Community Solar aspect for later.
4. Map out process for doing regional aggregation. Target date likely to be 2021

Carbon Capture/Sequestration

Preliminary Goals:

- Increase tree planting by 25% in two years.
- Identify most efficient targets for reduction of waste.
- Get Department of Environmental Affairs to release the \$2m.

Action Items

- Promote and pass the Tree Protection Policy in Rockport.
- What is Gloucester's tree budget and do they have a Tree Warden?
- Find someone to represent Essex in our group.
- Promote and pass the Tree Protection Policy in Manchester.
- Schedule next group meeting after 12 December big meeting.

Vision, Policy and Legislation

Goals:

1. Develop a Vision for our Work Group that achieves Net Zero and Rigorous Adaption by March 2020.
2. Develop a Climate Action Planning for Cape Ann Municipalities with strong interaction with each other, interested parties on Cape Ann and State of MA

Actions

- Find best practices in communication and lobbying with elected representatives on Cape Ann and MA. Will share with all.
- ID significant gaps in the climate crisis knowledge and planning between local municipalities and organizations, and the State of MA Agencies.
- Use best practices to close the gap in knowledge and planning on Cape Ann
- Encouraging innovation in our Cape Ann Climate Action Planning in order to influence others beyond Cape Ann.
- Learn from successful communities who have achieved Net Zero.

*Small Group Work 45 min

*Adjourn



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Inspiring Change. Unleashing Potential.