

Plainfield Climate Resiliency Project

Core Team Meeting #2

December 8, 2021

4:00 p.m.

Members Present

Town representatives Erik Burcroff, Peg Keller, Ed Stockman, Tim Walter, Jerry Little and CJ Lammers of the Conway School.

Grant Status

All participants were introduced to each other. Peg updated the Team about the status of the grant. The contract from the State has been received and forwarded to the Selectboard for approval and signature.

Project Timeline

CJ has submitted a draft time line for the project implementation which has been circulated to members.

Preliminary Agreement Review

The purpose of this meeting was to review and approve the Preliminary Agreement between the Town and the Conway School. This is a different document from the contract with the State to receive the funds. The main bullets contained in the draft were reviewed. Erik noted that the mapping, evaluating the significance of the power lines and beaver activity should be included.

Ed requested that climate adaptation strategies need to be regional, as opposed to just town wide, in order to have any significant impact. The plan must have a proactive thrust, engage individual citizens and surrounding towns. Sequestration needs to be pursued. "Sustainability as a goal is passe, the new activity should focus on "regeneration". Water systems based on electricity are an issue in the hill-towns. He hopes for active interaction with surrounding communities. CJ noted the students will look regionally for resource connectivity but extensive outreach for community dialogue with surrounding towns may be beyond the scope of work the students can realistically address.

CJ added that identifying specific parcels for certain uses (i.e. solar installations) cannot be the goal. Language that may be adopted at town meeting in by-laws could set standards that say, for instance, that solar installations may not occur on prime use ag land, but would not address specific parcels. Ed said he has prime soils maps from the NRCS.

Discussion followed. All agreed that the scope, which is fairly general, needs to be finalized now. (A more detailed contract will be formulated after meeting with the

students). Peg asked members to review the Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Municipal Vulnerability plan if they had not already done so and forward any final comments about the scope of this project to Peg, by end of day December 13th. A major goal of this project is to move forward with recommendations made in those two existing plans. CJ will redraft the current agreement based on today's discussion and sent it to the Core Team for approval. It will then be sent to the Selectboard for review and signature.

NEXT MEETING

The Core Team agreed to meet again on January 5th at 4:00 p.m. to review any final thoughts prior to meeting with the students. (THE STUDENT MEETING HAS SINCE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 13TH AT 2:00 p.m. via Zoom)

Note taker, Peg Keller