



Hingham Climate Action Planning Committee

About Hingham's Climate Action Planning Committee

Established at the April 2021 Hingham Town Meeting, the Hingham Climate Action Planning Committee (CAPC) has two main charges: 1) to evaluate a wide range of carbon emission reduction strategies, and 2) to propose measures to achieve a zero sum of carbon emissions produced and taken out of the atmosphere (i.e., "net zero" carbon emissions) by the year 2040 or another target date deemed feasible. It is important to note, CAPC is **not** mandated with developing plans for adaptation to climate change, nor with developing resiliency plans in response to climate change. Other groups in the town have taken these on.

At that same Town Meeting, Hingham Municipal Lighting Plan (HMLP) committed up to \$80,000 to fund the development of a Climate Action Plan for the town.

The 11-person CAPC is comprised of representatives of key town committees and commissions, the Planning Board, HMLP, and four residents chosen by the Town Moderator and Select Board. CAPC meets monthly or as needed.

Sample Projects

Much of the committee's work will be accomplished through Working Groups devoted to specific topics. A list can be found in the CAPC charter: [Hingham-Climate-Action-Planning-Committee-Charter-Oct-13-2021 \(hingham-ma.gov\)](https://www.hingham-ma.gov/786/Climate-Action-Planning-Committee-Charter-Oct-13-2021). Sample committees include the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Initiatives Working Group, which is focused on municipal projects; the Resident Net Zero Working Group, which is focused on residential projects; and, the Community and Regional Engagement Working Groups, which are focused on collaborating with other groups, individuals, towns and regional organizations involved in Climate Action Planning. **Members of the public are encouraged to join Working Groups if they are interested in helping move forward with Climate Action!** We agree that a primary function of our committee is to fully engage with our fellow citizens, both to educate and learn from each other in this monumental task.

The Committee has recommended a consultant for climate action planning, and later, is supporting the hiring of a town sustainability coordinator/director to create and implement Hingham's Climate Action Plan. In addition to hiring these expert(s) to help guide us through this process, we see committee and working group roles for expediting and facilitating a transition for these experts, laying the groundwork, so to speak, as well as continuing to work together on our goals.

To Learn More and/or To Get Involved

Visit <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/786/Climate-Action-Plan> to learn more, and to see valuable resources that have been collected by CAPC members. If there are topics you would like to see addressed by the CAPC and/or ideas and suggestions you would like to share, please contact



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us at the town website or join an upcoming meeting. All meetings will be listed on the Town calendar, which can be accessed here: <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/calendar.aspx>.