



# Town of Reading Meeting Posting with Agenda

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## Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

Climate Advisory Committee

Date: 2023-05-24

Time: 7:00 PM

Building: Reading Town Hall

Location: Berger Room

Address: 16 Lowell Street

Purpose: Scheduled Meeting

Meeting Called By: David Zeek, Chairman

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## Topics of Discussion:

This will be a ZOOM virtual meeting, not an in-person meeting.

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## Agenda

Welcome to Members and Guests

1. Public comments.
2. Liaison report.
3. Discussion with Jeff Everson about leveraging AI tools like ChatGPT to create plans and similar documents.
4. Review and approve prior meeting minutes: April 12, May 10

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5. Friends & Family Day, June 10. (Note that we do not meet again before the event.)
  - We decided to adopt a version of the plastics sorting activity that Walt suggested. Sort plastics into three bins: ? polyethylene [1], polypropylene [5], polystyrene [6] We need to collect an assortment of clean plastic trash of these 3 types.
  - Host RMHS Environmental Club showing and discussing their poster on the Maillet Sommes Morgan stormwater improvements project.
  - Hand out info on the Reading Community Garden and have a sign-up sheet for the RCG email list.
  - Posters: 2 on plastics, 1 on polystyrene bylaw, 1 on Heating & Cooling Survey, 1 on Maillet Sommes Morgan.
  
6. Continue discussion of limiting/banning gas-powered leaf blowers. What will the CAC propose to do and when? Who will take the lead? Do we need more research? Will we run an education/outreach campaign? Will we propose a change to Reading regulations or bylaws? Over what period? See Carol Ouellette's summary of the issues and what other towns are doing:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/11rZDlyepPTvq0L3ZxmIJyyWRLdVEi2Lk/edit?usp=share\\_link&ouid=112331477263965221900&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/11rZDlyepPTvq0L3ZxmIJyyWRLdVEi2Lk/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=112331477263965221900&rtpof=true&sd=true)
  
7. Hazard Mitigation Plan update.  
David attended Working Group meeting #3.  
Another public meeting and another Working Group meeting will be scheduled for June. The plan is to submit the draft plan for state approval in July.

Any new business to add to the agenda

### Ongoing Business

1. 2023 Heating and Cooling Survey results are being collected by Town Clerk. We have received 4,121 of them, so far.
2. Bylaw on Regulation of Polystyrene & Disposable Food Service Containers is approved and effective 2/22/2023. Enforcement begins 2/22/2024.
3. Support town Net Zero Plan – starts in July
4. Support town Hazard Mitigation Plan  
Next Working Group Meeting is scheduled for late June.

### Committee Membership

Openings: 3 Associate Members

### Updates on assigned Action Items from previous meetings

1. David will review updated Web page on the polystyrene bylaw implementation.
2. FY24 budget request. Sent Town Manager the CAC budget request of \$2000 for the 2024 fiscal year to support:
  - \$1200 to distribute the Heating & Cooling Survey for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year.
  - \$300 for posters and similar outreach materials.
  - \$500 to support Community Planning and similar town efforts on things like the Net Zero Plan and the Walking & Biking Plan.
3. Training requirements per Laura Gemme
  - Required: Conflict of Interest and Ethics training. Please create an account and remember your password. <https://massethicstraining.skillburst.com/User/index.php>

### Calendar:

5/24 Climate Advisory Committee – Zoom – Jeff Everson re AI  
6/10 Friends & Family Day

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- 6/14 Climate Advisory Committee – Zoom – RMLD update with Greg Phipps
- 6/28 Climate Advisory Committee – Zoom
- 7/12 Climate Advisory Committee – Zoom
- 10/3 New Resident Open House

Other issues

Thank you, David Zeek