

C C A B, Inc.

**October 17, 2011 Meeting**

Brookline Town Hall, 333 Washington Street

**MINUTES**

Co-Chair Paul Harris called to order the first Annual Meeting of Climate Change Action Brookline, Inc. at 7:30 p.m.

1. Introduction - Paul gave an excellent, inspirational introduction, touching on things such as CCAB's mission, vision (a flourishing, energy-efficient culture in Brookline), and goals (focusing on residential energy use, attempting to reach 85% of households and stimulate an average household reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of 25%). (Paul also thanked Lynn Karsten and Jim Solomon (the Fireplace restaurant) for providing food for the social hour that preceded the meeting.)

2. Highlights of 2011 - Co-Chair Susan Martin made a comprehensive presentation of all of CCAB's activities over the past year. (She also noted that we will repeat our very successful Climate Week again this year; this year's dates will be January 21 through January 29, 2012).

3. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Alan Leviton reported that our current cash balance is about \$6,400, and after expenditures, we would expect a balance of \$2,800 by the end of the year; this, however, does not take into account that we would hope to raise additional funds via an annual appeal. (Treasurer's summary is attached.)

4. Announcements:

October 24 - Town of Brookline Food Day

October 29-30 - Boston Vegetarian Society Food Festival at Reggie Lewis  
Athletic Center, 1350 Tremont Street, Boston

October 20-21 - Carbon Smarts Conference: Learning Science on the Go at  
University of Lowell

5. Elections - Paul Harris conducted annual elections.

a. The current Board members, Susan Martin, Paul Harris, Alan Leviton, and Werner Lohe unanimously elect a slate of new directors. They are:

David Damm-Luhr

Mary Dewart

Irana Hawkins

Ed Loechler

David Lowe

Bob Miller

David Pantalone

Amanda Treat

Don Weitzman

b. The new Board of Directors unanimously elected the following officers for two-year terms:

Bob Miller, Co-Chair

Susan Martin, Secretary

c. Co-Chair Paul Harris and Treasurer Alan Leviton will continue in office, serving for the remainder of their terms.

6. Green Community - Mary Dewart introduced a panel of Don Weitzman, Lara Curtis Hayes, and Linda Pehlke, and described how Brookline has become certified as a Green Community under the state's Green Communities Act.

Don described how CCAB was the initial impetus behind this process, and how he and Werner Lohe, with the help of others, particularly Brookline Parks Director Erin Chute Gallentine, drafted a warrant article for Town Meeting to authorize pursuing GC status. He thanked our State Representative Frank Smizik for his leadership in getting the legislature to pass the law four years ago. (Don also noted that CCAB was influential in lobbying to ensure that some of the federal stimulus funds received by Brookline were spent in the community, specifically, creating the Green Homes Brookline program.)

Linda described the five criteria required to achieve Green Community status, and the specific activities successfully undertaken by Brookline, e.g., pass in the Stretch Energy Code and zoning Single Tree Hill for solar energy production.

Lara talked about the future, specifically noting that the Town is eligible for \$215,000 in state funding and has already submitted a proposal. She expects that there will be additional, future rounds of funding on a competitive basis.

7. Smart Energy Choices Award - Paul Harris honored two EcoTeam leaders for their work—Chobee Hoy and Frank Smizik—and each made brief presentations describing the work of their teams.

8. Green Homes Brookline - Alan Leviton honored Rebecca Albrecht for her participation in Green homes Brookline, and she made a brief presentation concerning her experience.

9. The Future of Green Energy - Eric Emmons of Siemens Venture Capital's Boston office made a very interesting, educational presentation about the surprisingly optimistic predictions for the future of green energy enterprises worldwide.

10. The Founders - Mary Dewart honored those present who were involved in the founding of CCAB slightly over ten years ago.

11. BGSA - Mary Dewart honored twenty-five years of environmental work by the Brookline Green Space Alliance, and particularly that organization's interconnections with CCAB. Current Chair of BGSA Arlene Mattison was present to accept the honor, and made brief remarks.

12. Farmers Market - Paul Harris honored Arlene Flowers, who has managed the Brookline Farmers Market (founded 30 years ago) since 1994.

13. CCAB Transition - Paul Harris thanked the three people who did most facilitate the transition of CCAB to a non-profit organization—CCAB, Inc. Jim Henderson, Esq. provided *pro bono* legal assistance, and Alan Leviton and Susan Martin did a great deal of organizational and administrative work.

14. Campaign Director - Paul Harris and Susan Martin thanked Campaign Director Mary Dewart for all of her day-to-day work and for her organizational and inspirational work to keep CCAB moving forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The next regular meeting of the CCAB Board of Directors, which will be open to the public, will be on Monday, November 14, 2011 in Room 103, Town Hall, 333 Washington Street, Brookline, beginning at 7:00 p.m.