

**Hadley Climate Change Committee**  
**Agenda**  
**October 13, 2022, 7:00PM- Hadley Senior Center**

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Mission Statement:

- *Assemble and explain information regarding the Town's current ecological footprint.*
- *Assemble and explain information regarding potential actions the Town might take to reduce our ecological footprint.*
- *Help the town evaluate, choose, and implement actions that promote sustainable practices.*
- *Monitor changes in the Town's ecological footprint over time.*

**Review-**

Marian & colleagues- **Declaring a climate emergency-** Preparing for the Town Meeting.

→ What do we need to do to revise our climate emergency statement?

- Ideas from Linda.
- How will we handle questions about the declaration during the town meeting?

The latest version of the climate crisis statement:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FI002VGDKOkjf1Bh-iRTi-iTtH1c2TN8rt7oBkJFsb8/edit?usp=sharing>

**Updates-**

**Green Communities & Energy Review-**

Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy- Approved by the select board and school committee.

Jacinta is working away on our application to become a Green Community, due by September 30:

As of today, my records indicate that these are the outstanding items for designation:

- ~~Delivered fuels data from Osterman~~ – request was made, waiting on a response
- ~~FEV Policy approval from the School Board / Committee~~ – need an update on yesterday's meeting
- **ERP submission** – no longer waiting on Osterman's data PVPC will move forward to complete the draft, will update accordingly when it comes

Eversource Solar Project

Valley Bike

Catalina- Cultural Council & Compost

SunBug Solar request:

Hi there,

I work for a solar company out of Westfield called SunBug Solar and we've put together an educational webinar to present a case study of a solar installation we did last year on a farm in Monson. The presentation will offer an overview of the guidelines for agricultural dual-use, provide a close look at the economics of a dual-use system, and outline the process for planning and installing such a system. I was thinking since Hadley is such a powerhouse for agriculture in the area that your committee may be interested.

Here is the link: [Dual-Use: Agriculture and Solar Photovoltaics Webinar](#)

It's going to be on October 27th at 11:00 am.

And here is an abstract about the webinar:

In 2018, the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (MA DOER) established the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) program. This program carries special incentives for solar systems that allow “dual-use,” defined as solar on farmland where the land continues to be used for agricultural purposes. These facilities are also referred to as “agrivoltaic” systems.

This presentation will offer an overview of the guidelines for dual-use, provide a close look at the economics of a dual-use system, and outline the process for planning and installing such a system.

Thank you so much!

-Lydia Berry

#### New Items:

- MVP plan - what are the action items from that, and what role does the CC play in implementation?
- Flooding and the dike - what part does the CC play in that planning?
- Shade trees - should we consider taking over this committee? (per the suggestion from our meeting in August by Ed Golding)

→ *Next meeting (November 10, 2022)*

New items not anticipated at time of posting (TBD)-

Public Comment (TBD)

Action items/Homework –



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