

Agenda, Campton Advisory Committee, 2/14/2024, Town Hall, 10:30-noon

Our first meeting of the year is an opportunity to set our focus for 2024. In 2023, we launched community power and initialized the processes for the charrette, solar power, and registry for vulnerable people. While we will need to continue supporting those efforts, we need to identify new projects for the upcoming year. I am listing some possibilities below, but everyone should feel free to suggest others. The Feb 14 meeting will be a brainstorming session, scanning through these ideas to identify projects that people want to work on and that provide the best way to contribute to the town.

Our 2020 Climate Change Adaptation Report made 24 specific recommendations. The town has implemented several of these, such as submitting a charrette application and creating plans for resilient roads. In 2023, we worked on other solar power and the registry for people needing special help during emergencies. But no action has been taken on many of the recommendations. We might be able to change this by taking the initiative, developing specific proposals, and working with the relevant parties on implementation. Several proposals involve changes to town zoning and other ordinances, such as:

- regulation of revising procedures for approving sub-divisions
- protecting steep slopes & ridgelines
- requiring new developments to include cisterns;
- updating zoning codes to incorporate the latest flood maps.

We might meet with the fire dept to see how our committee might help implement the recommendations about fire ponds, cisterns, and protections against wildfires.

Other projects might include:

- working to install climate provisions in the town Master Plan and the Hazard Mitigation Plan
- investigating the long term risks to the ground water supply
- identifying specific ways to promote 'smart growth'.

I look forward to meeting with everyone & getting your suggestions !