



## Climate Emergency Management Workgroup



Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2021  
5:00 PM

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### I.Welcome – Quorum Established

### II.Approval of January 14, 2021 Minutes by consensus

III.Guest Speaker – Bruce Zavos, Zavos Architecture and Design, LLC; CEMWG Energy, Buildings and Transportation Subcommittee member presented an excellent power point that outlined “Understanding Sustainability, A Passive House Approach.”

### IV.Reports from Subgroups –

- Ag, Forestry, and Land Management (AFL), Taylor Roman gave an update, specifically for the Other Lands subgroup. This group is considering land management practices on land owned by municipalities, HOA's, and commercial and residential landowners. Ideas for opportunities for carbon sequestration and resilience strategies related to these properties including weed control, public education, mowing, greater diversity of the landscape, weather, climate change, safety, and flooding. Barb Trader also reported that she and Karen Cannon will be co-chairing the AFL. She also reported that Greg Wilson is working with the Farm Bureau to develop a study team which will suggest directions for AFL ag recommendations.
- Energy, Transportation, and Building (ETB) Ron Kaltenbaugh reported that Bruce discussed a lot of what the subgroup has been working on in his presentation. The group will soon be breaking into smaller groups, studying specific areas of emissions reduction opportunities.
- Health, Extreme Weather Adaption, and Resilience (HWR), John Scherer reported that they are making assignments on individual topics to work on based on their original “aspects of climate change” discussions. They are also testing prioritization criteria described in previous CEMWG meetings to evaluate potential recommendations. Kevin Sellner commented that the summaries in the mid-term reports are content-rich and reflect a great deal of collaboration among the subgroups.



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- Public Awareness and Outreach (PAO), Sonia Demiray reported the subgroup is continuing to interview students and educators to guide their education goals. They are meeting with the AFL subgroup to discuss food waste as well as working with frontline communities and waiting for survey results.

Barb mentioned that she and Kevin have been meeting with the Chamber of Commerce, Frederick County Building Industry Association, the Frederick County Department of Economic Development and The City of Frederick Department of Economic Development. They will share information with the subgroups, as many of the subgroups are working on ideas discussed in these meetings.

- V. Next Workgroup meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25. The CEMWG's mid term report is nearly ready and will be presented to the Frederick County Council on February 23rd at a Council Workshop beginning at 5:30 PM, and The City of Frederick Board of Aldermen at a time to be announced.
- VI. No public comment was taken.

VII. Adjourned at 6:33 PM.