

Steering Committee Tuesday Oct 29, 2024 7-8pm

Zoom link: <https://umassboston.zoom.us/my/seidler.umb?omn=96484029264>

Minutes from last mtg, Oct 14:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sHigH5_JIGVid9MBLTuIWVdbpME5a0yWjJ59v0OjSfw/edit?tab=t.0

AGENDA:

1. Upcoming webinars
 - a. November 18, 5:30PM – **[Tony Caplan]**, Carly Phillips from UCS - Reinmar will give title and blurb for Bruce, Susan, Kennedy
 - b. December 9, 6pm The Aftermath of Fast Fashion, Dr. Julia DeVoy (see earlier PR)
 - c. January legislation explanation - how to weigh in, use the spreadsheet (interactive?) Teach our members to follow on Fast Democracy. - What are the best approaches to Exec Session, Full House vote... best use of your time: phone?write?PDF? Prioritize? Invite: _____? Look at Kent St video. Can Donna check with Louise if she or someone else could do this? (Tony? Kat? Discuss critical bills?)
2. From the Comms WG:
 - a. other WGs please weekly confirm zoom link, agenda, time/dates
 - b. Our purpose with Leg Spreadsheet & leg updates (wide or narrow? updates?)
 - c. Bruce's Newsletter: Use links when possible, rather than full reports. Send folks to the legislation lists of our partners. "Keep your own listserve...Want to follow up on bills, look at _____ (Fast Democ...)"
 - d. Bruce will have statements about the overlapping concerns and unique foci of the WGs. Feel free to try a meeting; not obligated to join. OK to raise new topics.
3. Other WGs:
 - a. Plastics: PWG is continuing to look at a number of bills to either inspire Reps. to sponsor or support existing legislation being planned (EPR for paint by the SWWG, certification of compostables by Lucius Parshall, container deposit law by Nick Germana/Sherry Dutzy) and a host of others listed [here on the 'bills being considered' tab](#).
 - b. Climate:
 - c. Environment:
 - d. "Energy" has been addressing the needs of members of Municipal Energy Groups (NEXT: microgrids? Battery storage? Poll members for topics?) Do we discourage folks who want to know about Energy generally? Sarah Brock is generating content; Mary Beth facilitates.
 - e. Legislation meeting each week? Will find out if Chris Skoglund is available and what he'd like to do. No longer have a "legislative WG." Each WG can advance its own legislative items. "If you have legislation you want to support, please let Donna, Bruce or Susan know."
4. Post info on march in Keene? Too partisan? (posted below - 1)
5. Anthropocene Alliance:
 - a. What they do: See doc pasted below - 2!
 - b. What our role could be - Reinmar wants to speak with them again to clarify.
 - c. Help us know communities in NH better? Sharpen our focus?
 - d. Overlap with CLF, CAW, Vital Communities?
 - e. Comms WG may ask for a meeting with their IT expert about services offered.

1 **From:** Matthew Myer Boulton

Subject: Climate and Freedom: November 2 March in Keene

Greetings, all ~

In many ways, the November 5 election will be about freedom: reproductive freedom, the freedom to vote, the freedom to be who we are - and the freedom to thrive in a healthy, liveable climate!

Join us for a Freedom March on Saturday, November 2, 1:15 - 3:00pm. We'll gather at the Keene State College Arch (Appian Way and Main Street), and then march down Main Street's sidewalks all the way to Central Square, where we'll hear inspiring speakers and make some good trouble.

What freedom(s) will you vote to protect?

Bring homemade signs (we'll have some pre-made signs for you, too)! Let's make our voices heard, and inspire others to get out and vote.

2 LETTER FROM Anthropocene Alliance:

Hello Reinmar and Susan! Thank you for taking the time to fill out our member form. We are delighted to have you and the **New Hampshire Network for Environment, Energy & Climate** as a member of A2. We are looking forward to working with you.

In your form responses, you mentioned that you weren't sure yet which resources you wanted to explore. Below, please find a review of our resources and don't hesitate to let us know if you have any questions. If you would like to follow up on any of our technical assistance options, my teammate Emily Monroe can assist you when you are ready. She is copied on this email.

A writer on our staff will prepare a draft profile on the work of your group for our website and will reach out to you about this. If you haven't already, can you please send Michele (michele@anthropocenealliance.org) 2-3 high quality photos.

Here is a summary of the support we can provide:

Technical support

- Pro-bono scientists. You can get help with a 6-18 month community science project via the [Thriving Earth Exchange](#), short expert consultations via the [Environmental Protection Network](#), or with expert studies suitable for lawsuits or permit hearings via the [Center for Applied Environmental Science](#). The [Community Engineering Corps](#) also does pro bono engineering studies while the Community College Partners Program (C2P2). [LightHawk](#) and [SouthWings](#) do pro-bono aerial flights which allows you to get aerial photos or take the media or politicians to see the issue that concerns you. Let us know if any of these are of interest and we can make a referral.
- If the EPA's EJ Screening tool can help your work, we can help you use the tool to determine environmental justice rankings for your community. These can be useful for grant writing or communications projects. Please contact michele@anthropocenealliance.org.

- Legal help. We have two partners who can help with legal issues regarding managing a 501c3/c4 or organizational issues (not litigation).
 - [Green Pro Bono](#) - Provides opportunities for pro bono legal assistance to climate entrepreneurs and environmental nonprofits. Green Pro Bono's mission is to help non-profits and social entrepreneurs define their legal needs and to provide legal assistance for environmental "change makers" who otherwise cannot afford legal help.
 - [Lawyers for Good Government](#) - L4GG tackles the causes and effects of climate change by providing legal resources and services to states, local governments, NGOs, and frontline communities including 501(c)3 registration assistance.
- For litigation issues, we can connect you with the Center for Applied Environmental Science for expert technical assistance as noted above or attempt to find lawyers who can represent you in cases. Email Michele (michele@anthropocenealliance.org)
- We work with two other alliances, who are A2 members who have offered their networks for assistance: Fraktracker Alliance and Halt the Harm. If you would like to be connected, please let Michele know by emailing michele@anthropocenealliance.org.

Technical Support

Need help with google workspace, gmail, spreadsheets, zoom and more? Book time with [Adrien Dorcé](#), A2's IT administrator, for help.

Please visit here to schedule a meeting: <https://calendar.app.google/cy8igdpzKtu1MvQq6>

Advocacy support

- Petitions/email blasts. A2 is offering our access to EveryAction, a customer relationship management system, free of charge. Email Tani Thomas at tani@anthropocenealliance.org to get connected.
- Need help with an OPED for your local or regional paper? Send a request to michele@anthropocenealliance.org and we'll connect you with a writer to assist.
- Want to communicate with your volunteers, but don't want to text? We can provide a guide to set up WhatsApp groups to make keeping your members updated easier. Email Tani Thomas at tani@anthropocenealliance.org for more information.
- A2 Auto Sign-on Petition- [click here to add your organization](#) to an auto petition sign on agreement with other A2 members. We can support each other's campaigns and reduce being overwhelmed!
- [Pre-designed t-shirts](#), buttons and yard signs are ready for your campaigns. Please [visit this form](#) to let us know of your interest.

- If what you need for advocacy or communications is not on this list, please email your requests to Tani and Michele: tani@anthropocenealliance.org, michele@anthropocenealliance.org and we'll see what we can do!

You will be added to the A2 listserv, and you are on our list to be invited to our (roughly) monthly National Leaders Forum meetings.

We look forward to working with you!