

## Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Core Committee

### Mission

The Planning Board establishes the Town's MVP Core Committee to facilitate local efforts toward planning for and implementing strategies to build climate resilience and to adapt to predicted changes in our warming climate. The predicted changes include increased flooding from large rain events and a greater likelihood of drought and increased extreme heat days and heat waves.

The MVP Core Committee work has included:

- Preparation of an MVP Planning Grant application (2020)
  - The grant was awarded
- Identification of a consultant (MAPC) to assist with the Planning Grant process
- Community Resilience Building (completed in 2021)
- Preparation of a Carlisle MVP Report (completed in 2021)
- Preparation of Annual Progress Reports (completed in 2022 and 2023)
- Preparation of an MVP Action Grant application (completed in 2023)
  - The grant was awarded in the amount of \$93,740 for "Climate Resilient Carlisle"
- Selection of consultant Horsley Witten Group to lead "Climate Resilient Carlisle" project
- Initial "Climate Resilient Carlisle" kick-off meetings with Horsley Witten Group (2024)
- MVP Community Forum for "Climate Resilient Carlisle" (2024)

The MVP Core Committee work will include:

- Preparation of Annual Progress Reports
- Meetings to facilitate work related to the "Climate Resilient Carlisle" MVP Action Grant which is expected to be completed by June 30, 2025
- Assistance with Outreach efforts identified in the "Climate Resilient Carlisle" scope
- Recommendations to land use boards and the Town on updates to bylaws, policies, and regulations as part of the "Climate Resilient Carlisle" project
- Assistance with Town Meeting preparation and presentations, as needed
- Other unanticipated work related to furthering local efforts toward climate adaptation and resilience
- Preparation of potential future MVP Action Grant applications
- Facilitation of work related to potential future projects awarded via an MVP Action Grant

### Composition of Members

Members are appointed by the Planning Board and shall represent various Town departments and stakeholder entities, as follows:

#### Voting Members:

[Recommended size: 9 or 11 voting members; 5 or 6 voting members need for a quorum]

[NB: Voting is rare and would be mainly to approve minutes or agree on priorities]

- Planning Board (or Town Planner) – 1 member
- Select Board (or Town Administrator) – 1 member
- Board of Health (or Health Agent) – 1 member
- Environmental Sustainability Committee (or Sustainability Coordinator) – 1 member

- Conservation Commission (or Conservation Administrator) – 1 member
- Council on Aging & Human Services (or COAHS Director) – 1 member
- Public Safety Officials (Fire, Police, DPW) – up to 3 members
- Interested Citizens – 1-2 representatives

Non-Voting Members (unless standing in for entity noted above):

- Town Planner
- Town Administrator
- Health Agent
- Sustainability Coordinator
- Conservation Administrator
- Building Commissioner
- Fire Chief
- Police Chief
- DPW Director
- COAHS Director

### **Tasks & Timelines**

The Core Committee, in coordination with the Planner, shall provide updates to the Planning Board on a monthly basis during an active Action Grant process, and on a quarterly or biannual basis at all other times.

The Core Committee shall adhere as closely as possible to the “Climate Resilient Carlisle” grant schedule, and any future action grant schedule. MVP information is posted here:

<https://www.carlislema.gov/1162/Municipal-Vulnerability-Preparedness>

The Core Committee shall convene every spring to prepare an Annual Progress Report to submit to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA), for review and acceptance by the Planning Board prior to submittal to the EEA, with an opportunity for public feedback. Each year, when reviewing the Report, the Planning Board shall verify that the MVP Core Committee membership and charge remain consistent with the Town’s needs.

### **Sunset Date**

The MVP Core Committee work is ongoing and has no sunset date.