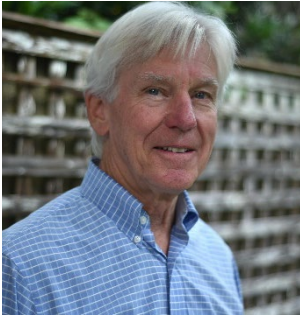


A Salute to our President



If you follow this newsletter, you know that the founder and president of the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative, Rich Delaney, was Cape Cod's Man in Glasgow, reporting back to us from the international COP26 Climate Convention. At the time, Rich wore an additional hat as president and CEO of the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown.

Last week marked Rich's final day in that position, in which he has served admirably for 14 years, helping elevate the Center to world-class stature. According to the Coastal Studies' website, Rich "led the Center during a critical period of growth... doubling the staff to 40, leading a complete renovation of the [organization's] Hiebert Marine Lab, expanding collaborations with a wide range of partners, and enhancing the Center's visibility and role with environmental managers and policy makers."

Rich will continue as Senior Advisor to the Center but, with his CEO days behind him, will be doubling down on work of the Climate Collaborative as we help move our region to a carbon neutral and sustainable future. We commend Rich for his notable accomplishments and are grateful for his leadership.

The idea for a Cape-wide climate organization originated with Rich, inspired by his attendance at the Paris Climate Accord conference in 2015. After one of his many local presentations on the intersection between climate change and ocean health, he and several local activists sketched out the idea of a nonprofit that would communicate evidence-based information about feasible, cross-sector solutions to the climate crisis. And the Climate Collaborative was born in 2016, launched at an event dubbed "From Paris to Pleasant Bay" at the Wequassett Resort in Harwich.

About combatting the climate crisis, Rich says, "Reducing the potentially catastrophic impacts of a rapidly warming climate will require immediate, urgent action by every government, business and every one of us! Concerted actions at the local and regional level will make a big difference especially on Cape Cod and the Islands where, as recent studies clearly show, our average temperatures are warming faster than the global average. We must act now! The Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative's mission is to help promote and support and inform your actions, so please join us in what is now truly an existential campaign for the health of the planet."

Today the Collaborative, 100% volunteer run, claims an audience of nearly 3,000 and more than 40 affiliated organizations working at the town, county, and state levels. We have staged four annual Net Zero conferences focused on the ways public policy and legislation can propel climate action across a broad range of government, business, and interest groups. We have supported outreach and education efforts, including lecture series, climate action events, school presentations, and legislative initiatives and provided scientifically accurate information on topics such as calculating your carbon footprint, installing home solar systems, and making socially responsible investments. We have also produced a bi-weekly newsletter featuring curated climate news from around the region and the world.

There is more to do. (There is always more to do!) Rich Delaney and all of us at the Collaborative invite you to join us in this vitally important work. Join a network [capecodclimate.org/networks], donate [capecodclimate.org/donate], send us good news stories [capecodclimate@gmail.com], and take action at home, school, or work! We have the power to change our future. Let's do something about it.