

Meeting minutes *(adopted 5/12/21, 5-0-0)*

Energy and Climate Committee

April 14th, 2021 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

Members Present: Ellen Tohn, Anne Harris, Bill Huss, Harvey Michaels, Tom Sciacca

Associate members: John Harper, Kaat VanderStraeten

Ex Officio member: Ben Keefe, Public Buildings Director

Also present: Lea Anderson, Selectman; Seath Crandall, Management Analyst

*In compliance with the revised Open Meeting Law requirements, this meeting was live streamed via Zoom.

Call to Order by Chair: At 9:05 am the meeting was called to order by E. Tohn upon the presence of a quorum via Zoom.

Minutes taken by H. Michaels

Agenda for Board of Selectmen Presentation

Discussion of multi-year energy and climate plan ideas for Wayland with request for sustainability director to apply for grants, help manage projects, and help develop a detailed plan. ET with HM will draft a PowerPoint deck for presentation to selectmen.

Community Choice Electricity Aggregation (CCA)

Discussion of CCA article for Town Meeting. ET presented a slide deck to be shown at the League of Women Voters Issues Night and Town Meeting, and developed an FAQ with BH to be posted on the Town Meeting web page. KVS described outreach and noted that the town clean-up was successful. There will be April 26 and May 4 sessions on CCA and green articles.

Solar on Loker Roof

BK and JH report that solar on the roof is much more economic than parking lot canopies at the current analysis, so the roof component application is being put in first.

Public Buildings Director Updates

B. Keefe reports the Middle School resiliency project closeout is about complete. Green Community grant progress is as follows: van with regenerative braking is ordered; Pat Morris will register for the Building Operator Certification training; middle school lighting project is nearly complete; and high school retro commissioning being scheduled. Heat pumps with gas backup will be installed at the Loker School during the roof replacement.

Regional Energy Planning Assistance (REPA) Grant

Sasha Shyduroff of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council presented her thorough study of the town's buildings energy use (especially Middle School, Claypit Hill, DPW, Town Building, Public Safety) using the

Green Communities Energy Analysis Tool, which was helpful in measuring performance and identifying issues for more study, including examining practices, new energy audits or retro-commissioning.

Eversource Rate Case

J. Harper reported Natick has approached Wayland and other towns to express concern over Eversource's proposed rate increase affecting municipal solar developments.

Miscellaneous:

1. Next meeting scheduled for 5/11/2021, 9 am - 11 am.
2. A. Harris moves, seconded by T. Sciacca, that the Committee approve meeting minutes from 3/10/21.
Roll Call Vote: YEA: T. Sciacca, A. Harris, B. Huss, H. Michaels, E. Tohn. NAY: none. ABSTAIN: none.
Adopted 5-0-0.

Adjourn: A. Harris moves to adjourn the meeting. Second: T. Sciacca. Roll Call Vote: YEA: T. Sciacca, A. Harris, B. Huss, H. Michaels, E. Tohn. NAY: none. ABSTAIN: none. Adjourned 11:00 am