



Clean Energy and Sustainability Committee

Minutes of Public Meeting

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DATE: Monday, May 8, 2023 **TIME:** 7:00 PM
PLACE: Town Offices **ADDRESS:** 50 Billerica Road **ROOM:** 200

MINUTES

Prepared by Sean McGuigan, Clerk

MEMBERS PRESENT: Badhri Uppiliappan (Chair), David Sperry, Peter Spawn, Bern Kosicki, Jack Bergstrom, Jim Walton

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Drayton, Brittany Nammour, Sean McGuigan

OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Wojtas, Chelmsford Select Board

Public Input

No public input

Committee Liaison updates

Dave Sperry – Dave and Badhri met with the Bentley University team regarding the GHG inventory they prepared. They did a good job but there's more to be done and we will try to collaborate with them again next semester. The report will be posted to the Committee's Google Drive.

Jack Bergstrom will join the transportation-focused team and Badhri will send Jack the name of the National Grid transportation contact he made at the Earth Day fair.

Website Discussion

Chris is available to add any content we need to the CEAS website. The Committee needs to decide whether to build the website out or link to CCAT's site which is established.

Update on MassSave Grant and HPC Selection Policy

HPC Selection – All-in-Energy received 4 bids from interested vendors. Bern, Jack, Peter and Dave Drayton will finalize selection criteria, review the bids and will provide a recommendation to the Committee at the next meeting.

Details on how All-in-Energy will outreach to underserved communities is still pending.

Sustainability Checklist – Planning Board

Jim and Badhri reviewed the first sustainability checklist submitted for a project in town – for the Lighthouse School and 18/20 Chelmsford Street mixed-use construction (a 2-family and office space). Jim and Badhri shared their review notes with the Planning Board.

There's also been discussions with the developer of the 9 Acton Road property who are interested in having an all-electric project with no natural gas. This property could be used as an educational showcase for local tradesmen (i.e., showcasing an electric induction oven).

Update on Chelmsford Choice

The Select Board reversed their initial position and adopted the Basic choice as the Town's Chelmsford Choice default for the new contract – same as the current program. Paul Cohen will be getting new contract quotes.

Would the Select Board support a Town Meeting warrant in the Fall for the default option to be the Greener option?

NMCOG

NMCOG offered to create a CAP implementation plan we could use going forward. Increased community outreach would be included. NMCOG unable to complete the changes to the current CAP- partly due to limited time before the grant runs out on May 30, and a few other reasons. NMCOG indicated they should have funding to assist us after 30 May.

There is a NMCOG event on May 22 on getting to net zero (Badhri is a panelist).

Meeting Minutes

The April 12th meeting minutes are approved and Sean will submit to the Town Clerk for posting.

June 2023 Meeting Date

We will schedule a meeting for Monday, June 12th from 7-9 PM.

Sustainability Manager Update

None

Committee Changes

We will hopefully have additional committee members in June.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20.