



Clean Energy and Sustainability Committee

Minutes of Public Meeting

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DATE: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 **TIME:** 7:00 PM
PLACE: Town Offices **ADDRESS:** 50 Billerica Road **ROOM:** 200

MINUTES

Prepared by Sean McGuigan, Clerk

MEMBERS PRESENT: Badhri Uppiliappan (Chair, in person), David Drayton (Vice Chair, in person), Sean McGuigan (Clerk, remote), Bern Kosicki (remote), David Sperry (remote), Bethany Ward (remote), Caeli Tegan (remote), Brittany Doherty (remote)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jordan Vachon

OTHERS PRESENT: Christopher Haley (Chelmsford Sustainability Manager)

Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the 5/17/22 meeting are not yet available but will be finished soon. All prior minutes have been submitted to Town Clerk for posting.

Public Input

None

June 6 Update to Select Board

Badhri will be providing an update to the Select Board on June 6. This update will be focused on the following topics:

1. NMCOG has finished a 2017 baseline GHG inventory and we will provide some info/background/lessons learned from the inventory.
2. Introduction of MAPC playbooks and that they provide some pathways for the Town to follow and a discussion about how our Committee have become familiar with these playbooks.
3. Badhri would like to propose a workshop or listening session that all of the Town's committee members/stakeholders could attend to hear our report. In general, the Committee felt this was a good idea but scheduling-wise, it may be difficult to have all stakeholders attend one meeting. Bern stated that the Town of Acton had multiple identical meetings. The Committee seemed to agree that multiple meetings would be more effective with at least one in-person meeting televised on Chelmsford Telemedia.

What should be our report format and what timeframe can we deliver it in? Sean believes that a more streamlined report is best unless the Select Board wants a longer, more detailed report. Dave Sperry has done some harvesting from other Town's reports to use in a draft report. Bethany is a proponent of getting the report done quickly. How can we get the information out to the younger generation? Bethany suggests publishing a quick blurb with a link to more detailed information with dates for forums/info sessions. Caeli echoed other thoughts and put out a request for someone to join the Transportation team – Brittany

stated she could help Caeli. David Drayton states that using other Town's reports is fine. Chris states that other municipalities have info/lessons learned available and we should use them.

Bern suggests the Committee not limit ourselves to one approach as other methods such as surveys or individual one-on-one meetings may also be effective.

Discussion about timeframe generally ranged from one to two months. Discussion about length or format or report. Perhaps a 10-20 page report is suitable. Dave Sperry showed a mock-up of the Natick Net Zero Action Plan updated with some Chelmsford data and the Committee generally liked the format. Dave Sperry volunteered to copy roadmap actions from the Natick Plan into an Excel file so that we can determine which actions the Committee wants to put forward in the report. A good infographic to create might be how many trees would be necessary to capture Chelmsford's GHG emissions. Perhaps Dave Righter would be available to assist. Bern and Dave Sperry will take lead on preparing a draft with input from all MAPC Playbook teams.

Badhri asked if we should be thinking about introducing the social cost of carbon dioxide to either the Select Board or Town residents. Committee agreed it could be discussed in a general way.

Committee Member Turnover

The Town Clerk emailed the three members who are up for reappointment and their response was due last week. Bethany stated that she will not be able to volunteer for reappointment for multiple reasons. She provided constructive feedback on improving the meeting so that all members could engage better. Her feedback was that she felt that some of the members on the committee didn't always get an equal opportunity to participate or have their voices heard. The operational changes introduced this meeting to use the Zoom "hand-raised" features to speak were a move in the right direction to ensure all voices are heard. Badhri acknowledged that the meetings could be improved and that this disrespect was not intentional. David Drayton also apologized for any disrespect as did Dave Sperry. Badhri mentioned that he had spoken with David Drayton about doing a 360° evaluation on the Committee to self-improve but it had not been implemented yet. Caeli mentioned that she prepared a presentation but it was never deemed significant enough to make it on to the agenda. Caeli suggested that we might be better served to focus on near-term tasks during the meeting. Brittany mentioned to shorten the length of the meetings. Dave Sperry suggested that a different person run the meeting each week. Caeli suggested adhering to Roberts Rules and sticking directly to agenda items or limiting debate time. A feedback mechanism may have prevented some of these bad feelings from stagnating. Bern and others encouraged Bethany to remain on the Committee. Sean thanked her for providing her thoughts and opinions.

June 2022 Meeting Dates

Meetings are scheduled for June 8 and June 22.

Meeting was adjourned.