



# Clean Energy and Sustainability Committee

## *Minutes of Public Meeting*

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**DATE:** Wednesday, June 29, 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), Sean McGuigan (Clerk, remote), Bern Kosicki (remote), David Sperry (remote), Bethany Ward (remote),

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jordan Vachon, Caeli Tegan, Brittany Doherty, David Drayton

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Christopher Haley (Chelmsford Sustainability Manager)

#### Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the 5/17/22 meeting and the 6/1/22 meeting (as revised) were both approved and will be submitted to Town Clerk for posting.

#### Public Input

None

#### Current Draft of Committee GHG Report

Bern shared a draft of the Chelmsford Greenhouse Gas Report which will be the Town's first communication from the Committee. First section was written by David Sperry with a recap of steps the Town has already taken with graphics based on other town's reports. The draft report ends with next steps and states that any comments on the report should go to Chris Haley as Sustainability Manager. There was a discussion about whether a Word document or PowerPoint document is better. It was decided that we would comment on the pdf version but we'll need both versions for multiple audiences. The rest of the Committee needs to review document and provide comments or add information to it.

- The amount of CO<sub>2</sub> produced per person needs some explanation to provide a more accurate picture. The Selectmen asked why Chelmsford is worse than other surrounding towns and we should have an answer to that question.
- Bar graph needs some percentage editing, add food consumption into section where emissions not included in GHG emissions.
- We need to start to add other chapters based on the NMOC playbook. Sean commits to working on Clean Power section. We can choose to include in final report to Town or keep the information aside. This version does not discuss what our plan is to reduce emissions as we get to 2030 or 2050. We can add this info to some of the other playbook chapters.

Action Items- each team comes up with summary of their report to add into master document and everyone needs to read and provide comments on general document.

## **Building Team Update**

Bern showed a document he prepared on Building Strategies that he gathered from local towns - Arlington, Acton, Westford. Each strategy was categorized as advocate, service, policy, or regulation/zoning. Bern recommends looking at what other towns have done and coming up with strategies that will work for Chelmsford. We don't have to commit to implementing all the strategies but we can commit to studying items or have long-term goals. Draft of the state's stretch goals is out and needs to be reviewed.

When Badhri spoke to Select Board, he asked for assistance for setting up public input sessions for September. Bern asked how we will publicize these meetings. Chris states there are multiple avenues – newsletters, email lists, new recycling App (funded by Recycling dividend points). EnergizeMA is a non-profit that does this – would it be a good idea to have them speak to the Committee? Perhaps target a few specific groups to get info on things such as where to place EV charging.

## **Town Committee Outreach**

Badhri suggests to Dave Sperry that they meet with the Finance Committee before the busy Fall season begins. The Planning Board needs town by-laws to be enacted before they are allowed to consider sustainability in their decisions. Zoning by-laws are being studied.

On June 6, Badhri gave update to Select Board – high level details. Comment made that there are emissions from transportation from Rt3/Rt 495 corridor and those emissions should be considered.

Badhri connected with Dr. Lang and he asked if the Committee has a list of projects that we would like the school system to work on. EV charging stations at other schools? Does the School Administration have projects they have in mind? Likely that new school buildings would be close to net zero. Chris will be working on organics composting/food waste at the high school. Five 64-gallon carts will be used to collect organics at lunch and the organics will be hauled to Groton. Badhri signed up for school's wellness committee.

## **Miscellaneous Items**

CCAT will be in July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and if anyone else wants to join, let David know.

## **July 2022 Meeting Dates**

Meetings are scheduled for July 6 and July 20.

Meeting was adjourned.