

Energy Climate Action Committee Meeting
Minutes – 03/29/2022
Virtual Meeting

Meeting Start: 7:00pm

Members Present: Michael DeChiara, Leslie Cerier, Miriam Defant, Nate Heard, Graeme Sephton, Zoe Weizenbaum and Gail Fleischaker.

Members Absent:

All members provided brief self introductions

Chair selection

Unanimous selection of Michael DeChiara

Future meeting times

We decided to conduct our next meeting on April 12th. We will try a bi-weekly meeting for now.

Defining ECAC's role

Discussed what ECAC does and with whom. Each member presented some of his/her priorities relative to ECAC. We discussed a desire to deliver *concrete* actions steps and proposals to the Select Board, spark other committees into action as well as to connect them to one another. We also discussed more specific priorities including but not limited to improved storm water management, a community solar project, municipal aggregation of electricity, community no-till gardens and increased educational programs offering skills relating to how ppl can be more green/resilient on a home scale.

Michael reviewed open meeting law

Discussed the structure of open meetings and the requirements for sharing information outside of public view.

Upcoming opportunities

Discussed MVP action grant status. The grant application is underway and Michael offered the opportunity to get involved with application to ECAC members. Proposal is due third week in May.

Discussed the town's status as a Green Community.

Delegated follow up actions

Michael will send SB a letter recommending that SB and Town Administrator provide DOER with 5 follow-up questions to the annual Green Communities Report., so that the town will be eligible to apply for a grant in fall 2022. Graeme will follow-up with Becky re: the 5 questions and report back to committee on April 12. Nate will provide some briefing information to the

committee on municipal aggregation options. Leslie will provide some information to the committee regarding community solar. Gail will begin to identify and inventory possible funding opportunities that can be used to inform the work of the committee. Nate and Gail will begin process of identifying available data that can be used to establish benchmarks for the town and to inform the committee's work. Michael will report back to committee on progress/planning for MVP Action Grant.

Motion: Miriam moves that the Chair send a letter to the Select Board recommending that the town complete the Green Communities Report. Leslie-second, Vote: Miriam-Aye, Leslie-Aye, Gail-Aye, Zoe-Aye, Graeme-Aye, Nate-Aye, Michael-Aye.

Motion to Adjourn: Michael moves to adjourn. Vote: Leslie- Aye, Gail- Aye, Miriam- Aye, Zoe- Aye, Graeme-Aye. Nate-Aye

Meeting Close: 8:54pm

Respectfully submitted by Zoe Weizenbaum, XXXX.