

Energy Climate Action Committee Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2023

Virtual Meeting

Meeting called to order by Michael: 7:04pm

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

Members Absent: Miriam DeFant

Visitors: None

1. **CCA Proposal update:**

Michael reported that there was still no specific advice from the Town Counsel and/or State DPU. He is therefore inclined to request that the Select Board put our CCA proposal on the 2023 Town Meeting Warrant.

2. There was a brief discussion of what constraints, by convention or by law, might apply to town committees and individuals, in relation to **advocating and supporting specific legislation**. **Gail** volunteered to investigate the matter and will report back to the committee next month.

3. **Nate** made a presentation about various proposed energy and solar bills in the current legislative session on Beacon Hill. There are currently many pieces of proposed legislation in various stages of negotiation regarding the State's energy transition.

4. **Graeme** reported on his attendance at the recent UMass Annual Energy Symposium. UMass Amherst is very committed to both researching and executing a transition to a zero-carbon campus and future economy.

5. **Michael** will talk to the Select Board and FinCom to ask about the possibility of funding for an ECAC revolving fund. Such funds would enable the ECAC to hire consultants when it was appropriate and necessary.

6. **Motion** to approve the **minutes** of ECAC meeting of March 21, 2023. Zoe moved. Gail seconded. Approved unanimously: DeChiara, Aye; Fleischaker, Aye; Heard, Aye; Sephton, Aye and Weizenbaum, Aye.

7. **Motion** to approve the **minutes** of April 18, 2023.
Gail moved. Graeme seconded.

Approved unanimously: DeChiara, Aye; Fleischaker, Aye; Heard, Aye; Sephton, Aye and Weizenbaum, Aye.

8. **Motion to adjourn** at 8:10 PM. Zoe moved. Graeme seconded.

Approved unanimously: DeChiara, Aye; Fleischaker, Aye; Heard, Aye; Sephton, Aye and Weizenbaum, Aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Graeme Sephton

The **next ECAC meeting** will be Tuesday, 7 PM,
June 27th, 2023