

Energy and Climate Action Committee

Minutes – 4/23/2024

[*approved 5/28/2024*]

Virtual Meeting

Chair called meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Committee Members Present: Michael DeChiara, Gail Fleischaker, Isaac Goldstein, Nate Heard

Committee Members Absent: None

Public attendees: None

Prepare for Stretch Code at Town Meeting

- New handout pointing to minimum differences between Specialized Code and Stretch Code, chiefly in mixed-fuel homes
- What does “mixed fuel” mean exactly? According to the [Mass.gov site](#), a mixed-fuel building is any building that “contains combustion equipment or includes piping for such equipment,” e.g., for a cook top, kiln, and/or heating.
- Questions to ask at Town Meeting: Who in Town plans to build new home in next five years? Who in Town plans to build an add-on of >1,000 sq ft in next five years?
- Most on FinCom simply abstained as no financial effect on budget

Livingstone’s EV charger proposal/invitation will be discussed at tonight’s SB meeting.

Becky has asked Michael/ECAC to write a letter of support for a grant application for solar on the new library. Michael will get info from Elaine Puleo as to grantor, deadline, application text in order to write letter of support for the project. Nate asked if the proposal would include a pickup truck for battery backup (not a joke!)-- and referred to "[The Real Thunder in the Ford F-150 Lightning May Be Bidirectional Charging.](#)"

Topic review for upcoming May meeting

- Climate Leaders Community program: Isaac will be the lead for discussion at Town Meeting relative to the opt-In Specialized Code
- CCA status from Select Board
- Non-fossil fuel purchasing protocol
- Nate to report on his conversation with Jackie Mendonsa regarding interest in siting an EV charger at the Shutesbury Elementary School.

Motion to approve minutes of 3/19/24 meeting moved by Nate, seconded by Gail.

Motion approved unanimously: Michael, Aye; Gail, Aye; Isaac, Aye; Nate, Aye.

Next meeting. 5:00pm, Tuesday, May 28.

Motion to adjourn moved by Isaac, seconded by Gail

Motion approved unanimously: Michael, Aye; Gail, Aye; Isaac, Aye; Nate, Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Fleischaker