

## **Energy and Climate Action Committee**

Minutes – 03/11/25

[*approved 04/29/2025*]

*Virtual Meeting*

**Chair called meeting to order** at 6:32 pm

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

**Committee Members Absent:** None

**Public Present/Comment:** None.

### **Preparations for March 17 public hearing and forum** (Michael)

Town Announcement was sent out March 5<sup>th</sup> for the March 17<sup>th</sup> Forum and Public Hearing for the Specialized Stretch Code Bylaw. Agenda:

- 6:00pm: Michael opens Forum and provides overview of Climate Leader Program
- Nate takes lead on Stretch Code for ECAC
- Chris Mason (DOER) provides additional details for Stretch Code
- 6:45pm: Public Hearing on Stretch Code Bylaw

Following the Hearing:

- Michael provides overview of DeCarbonization Commitment
- Michael provides overview of Net Zero Vehicle policy
- Chris provides additional information on Climate Leader Program
- Questions from attendees

Nate will fold in slides from Chris Mason's slide deck in his presentation. Gail will send reminder Town Announcement on Thursday before. Isaac will take minutes of the Hearing to record attendants' questions and DOER and/or ECAC responses.

### **Update on EV Charger recommendation** (Isaac)

Nick Valorie (ECR) has volunteered to come to ECAC and/or SB meeting to answer questions. Eric Stocker asked if the Town might buy out the system: answer unclear. Isaac has prepared a Q&A [One Sheet](#) to send to ECR for responses. Next step is to go to the SB with Nick for an ECR presentation and to answer SB questions and concerns. Isaac will check dates with Nick (Tuesday, March 25?).

### **Update/next steps on CCA** (Nate)

Public comment period has ended. Now what: following Colonial's revised timeline, our next step is to ask for a SB vote to accept the Plan. Once SB approves the Plan, Colonial will take it to DPU for approval. Once we have DPU approval, we can look at product options. Nate notes that Amherst's choices are all vanilla options. Is that because residents chose vanilla options *or* that residents were given only a list of vanilla options to choose from. Question for us: will we want Colonial to get pricing on a broad array of energy product options? That is, do we want residents to have a broad array of priced options to choose from?

### **Minutes**

Gail moved to approve the minutes from February 11. Nate seconded.

Vote to approve: Michael DeChiara, Aye; Gail Fleischaker, Aye; Nate Heard, Aye, Isaac Goldstein, Aye.

Gail moved to approve the minutes from June 4, 2024 (joint meeting w/ SB). Isaac seconded.  
Vote to approve: Michael DeChiara, Aye; Gail Fleischaker, Aye; Nate Heard, Aye, Isaac Goldstein, Aye.

Next meeting: Forum and Hearing, March 17; meet with SB (March 25<sup>th</sup>?)

**Close**

Isaac moved to adjourn, seconded by Gail.

Vote to adjourn: Michael DeChiara, Aye; Gail Fleischaker, Aye; Nate Heard, Aye, Isaac Goldstein, Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

*Respectfully submitted Gail Fleischaker*