

Energy and Climate Action Committee Meeting  
Minutes – 6/03/2025  
[Approved 7/22/2025]  
*Virtual Meeting*

**Meeting Start:** 7:05pm

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

**Committee Members Absent:** None

**Public:** None

**Follow-up from Annual Town Meeting, 5/31/25:**

All three Climate Leader Community warrant articles passed (and CLC webpage has been brought up to date with a smiley face for each):

- Municipal Decarbonization Resolution
- Zero-Emission First Vehicle Policy
- Specialized Energy Code

A municipal decarbonization roadmap is the last item remaining for Shutesbury to be eligible for Climate Leader Community certification.

**Update and next steps regarding Decarbonization Roadmap**

Shutesbury has been approved to obtain consultancy services toward developing a decarbonization roadmap. Michael, Nate, and Town Administrator Hayley Bolton met with DOER consultant George Voigt.

Next steps include gathering data for roadmap modeling (DOER categories: general information, site energy resources, roof, walls, windows, lighting, water heaters, HVAC systems, and fossil fuel appliances). ECAC will reach out to the Buildings Committee for their data inventory on Town buildings. We will take advantage of the free technical support that DOER is offering and request a site visit from their assessors. They can either confirm findings of the Buildings Committee or fill in gaps in our information, all providing leverage in applying for grant funding of increased municipal energy-efficiency. The eventual roadmap will include strategizing, e.g., prioritizing heating system updates and/or replacements given the age of the system in question.

## **Updates**

– Community Choice Aggregation:

According to Colonial Power, DPU will schedule a public hearing. Nate will meet with Hayley next week to walk through past/present/future of the CCA project.

– EV chargers:

No update as yet.

– Michael will check back with Hayley concerning lighting at the school as being brought into compliance with the (Planning Board's) Lighting Bylaw.

## **Minutes**

Nate moved that minutes of 4/30/25 be approved, Gail seconded:  
unanimously approved

## **Next date**

July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00pm is the next ECAC meeting.

## **Close**

Gail moved to adjourn the meeting, Nate seconded. Vote to adjourn:  
Michael DeChiara, Aye; Gail Fleischaker, Aye; Nate Heard, Aye

*Respectfully submitted, Gail Fleischaker*