

## Meeting Minutes Green Energy Committee

8am on Thursday, September 9, 2021

Virtual Meeting Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020  
Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law

**Members present:** Roy Harvey, Jim Hutchinson, Sue Klem, Ed Lang, Paul Shorb (Chair)

**Others present:** Jennifer Glass (BOS Liaison), Alex Chatfield, Emily Haslett, Audrey Kalmus, Staci Montori, Zarin Machanda, Trisha O'Hagan, Scott Rodman

1. Review and approve minutes from 6/10 and 7/15 meetings
  - Minutes for 6/10 were approved by votes AYE from Roy Harvey, Jim Hutchinson, Sue Klem, Paul Shorb
  - Minutes for 7/15 were approved by votes AYE from Roy Harvey, Jim Hutchinson, Sue Klem, Paul Shorb
2. Report / presentation from Climate Action Planning Subcommittee

The Climate Action Planning Subcommittee currently consists of three members of the GEC (Roy Harvey, Sue Klem, and C.J. Volpone) plus Emily Haslett, Audrey Kalmus, Staci Montori, and Lynne Smith; most of them were present at this meeting (see above). Audrey also chairs the Capital Planning Committee and Emily and Stacy are also active in the climate action group, Lincoln Mothers Out Front.

Sue described the Subcommittee's plan to meet with other Town committees to explain the proposed climate action planning process and to seek input. They shared with the GEC the slide deck they were developing for that purpose. GEC members present provided a number of comments on the draft slide deck.

Roy shared a spreadsheet that he and the Subcommittee had created that included tabs to define the scope of the proposed plan; list almost 40 types of potential town actions, gleaned from similar plans done by other MA towns; list relevant stakeholders; and lay out a timeline. This is a working document that can be added to as the work progresses.

The following near-term timeline was discussed:

1. Subcommittee present to Board of Selects Oct. 4.
2. GEC finalize at its next meeting (October 14) the slide deck that would be used at the State of the Town meeting in early November (1, 2, and or 3?).
3. Make presentation at SOTT meeting (Jennifer predicted that up to 15 minutes might be allowed).

4. Seek confirmation from Town Manager that can make available some Town staff time in 2022 to support the public participation & planning process.
5. Based on that confirmation, seek grant and/or staff time from MAPC to support that process.
6. Craft warrant(s) for spring 2022 Town Meeting.
7. Present warrant and get vote(s) at spring 2022 Town Meeting.

We began but did not complete a discussion of what should be the substance of steps 6 and 7 above. The Subcommittee proposes at a minimum to get approval to create a climate action plan for the Town; what else?

- Sue believes that getting a Town “Sustainability Director” or similar is crucial.
- Paul suggested that maybe the vote should include a substantive goal for the plan (e.g., reduce Town-wide GHG emissions by X% by X dates).
- Jennifer suggested that one goal could be making Town operations 100% green.
- Scott suggested mandating that home sales be accompanied by disclosure of the house’s energy-efficiency rating.
- Trisha urged that we adopt “something with teeth” at the Town meeting, such as a ban on new gas hookups. That led to discussion of issues related to such a ban, but no decision.

### 3. Other Business

- Scott explained that he will be moving from Newton to Lincoln, where he plans to build a net-zero house.
- Sue, Paul, and Trisha said they would “table” on behalf of the GEC at an event planned by Susan Winship for October 23.

VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 9:30 a.m.

Draft minutes submitted by Paul Shorb