

# Energy and Climate Action Committee Meeting

Minutes – 08/23/2022  
*Virtual Meeting*

**Meeting Start:** 7:06pm

**Committee Members Present:** Leslie Cerier, Michael DeChiara, Miriam DeFant, Gail Fleischaker, Nate Heard, and Zoe Weizenbaum

**Committee Members Absent:** Graeme Sephton

**Public:** Leah Berlin

## **Public comments**

None

## **Minutes**

Gail moved to open discussion of the minutes for the committee's May 31 meeting and was seconded. The May 31 minutes were approved with the votes as follows: Gail, Aye; Leslie, Aye; Michael, Aye; Miriam, Abstained; Nate, Aye; Zoe, Aye.

Nate moved to open discussion of the minutes from the August 2 meeting. Leslie seconded. The August 2 minutes were approved with the votes as follows: Gail, Aye; Leslie, Aye; Michael, Aye; Miriam, Aye; Nate, Aye; Zoe, Aye.

## **CCA**

The committee reviewed a FAQ about CCA document that Nate had prepared. Committee members suggested edits and Nate pledged to circulate a new version that reflects feedback he has received. A refined FAQ can then go to the Select Board in advance of a future Select Board meeting where CCA is on the agenda.

## **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds**

It was difficult for the Select Board to endorse ECAC proposals for the use of ARPA funds without the inclusion of estimated costs. One idea is to use ARPA funds to expand solar panels on municipal buildings or grounds. The Energy Committee, which preceded ECAC, once looked into a similar solar expansion strategy. Reaching out to members of older Energy Committee is a good idea.

## **ECAC Liaisons to other committees**

Michael shared the current list of ECAC committee members who have already volunteered to liaise with other committees. ECAC discussed the role of the liaison, which is to reach out to other committees that relate to the HMP and MVP "action items". Several action items involve multiple committees. An ECAC liaison could help other committees keep HMP and MVP recommendations on their agendas.

## **HMP and MVP prioritization**

Committee members are invited to review the spreadsheet that lists HMP and MVP action items and develop opinions on what items are most urgent. Although the processes that informed the writing of

HMP and MVP action items included prioritization, ECAC should prioritize which among the HMP and MVP action items to work on first.

**Article for the Our Town Newsletter**

Nate volunteered to draft an article for the town newsletter, which will bring attention to the formation of ECAC as well as the Household Energy Survey results.

**Energy Audit**

The recent energy preliminary energy audit of Town municipal buildings reached an early finding that the buildings do not have LED lights.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Gail moved to adjourn the meeting. Leslie seconded. Gail, Aye; Leslie, Aye; Michael, Aye; Miriam, Aye; Nate, Aye; Zoe, Aye.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Nate Heard