

**Energy Futures Task Force 1/26/17 – recorded by Trish Ng, Scribe  
Minutes Approved: March 2, 2017**

**Attending:** Pam Hill, Chair, Brian Foulds, Dan Gainsboro, John Dalton  
Citizens: Laura Scott, CMLP Liaison, Charles Parker, Sue Richardson, Brad Hubbard-Nelson, Fran Cummings

Discussion included:

Preparations for meeting (public hearing)

Town will be responsible for set up, video, cctv etc – Pam will arrange projector

Purpose is overview of process, content and status,

Report is in draft format, almost complete but not 100%

Expecting audience to ask questions or request additional info – EFTF has limited time and focused on areas of most potential to reduce GHG – agree more investigation needed but report to reference EFTF 2 and consultant will continue research

Who will present summaries at public meeting? Pam will do exec summary, framework summary, each member present section they wrote, 5 minutes per section for no more than 30 for presenting

Don't assume public has read report. John will use powerpoint and can prepare slides. Send word doc for 3 slide max per person for prep with deadline of Monday Jan 31

EFTF review by Tuesday Feb 1

Need scribe for public comments / possibly record meeting

When to close off public comment? Feb 8 closing gives EFTF one week to finalize.

Report is on the website, agenda for public meeting includes link to report

Discussion of draft report –

May need to move some material into appendix.

Some sections yet to be drafted (section 9 framework going forward, section on personal responsibilities)

Brian- need to add "creation of database" in exec summary measurement section

Dan suggested adding explanation of terminology used in the report and add parenthetical notation (ruled out glossary)

Dan – should we add section about education and awareness?

Brian- should this be in personal responsibility section?

John – concern that each person edits and can we use google doc? Open meeting law doesn't allow it, can we do it sequentially?

Pause on this draft until after public comment, hold comments until all public feedback is in.

No longer presenting material at Cooler Concord fair (no need for handouts)

Appendix is work in progress, needs attention and editing, formatting etc.

**Personal responsibilities section** (not governmental or jurisdiction but recommended personal behaviors)

Report focuses on governmental reach – this section is about what EFTF can say about individual roles in GHG reduction

Brian would like to convey a tone of “not living without” but thinking about the emissions of what you live with and make choices that are less impactful.

EFTF agrees there is a place in report for this section, should note the significance

(measurement of footprint) of small choices in reducing ghg emissions

Numbered scale of personal impact ( 39%?)

“responsibility” or “choice”

EFTF not necessarily charged with prescribing but should provide examples (list?)

Examples make it concrete for the reader, provide insights about what is expected from citizens/businesses

EFTF input on what list could be:

- Vehicle choice
- Heating choice
- Embedded energy in our food
- Air travel
- Recreational activities (golf, skiing)
- Carbon offsets for air travel?
- Trash reduction / purchasing habits

Reduce your impact but can still do what you want to do...( tone of section)

Acknowledge complexity of

- Social cost of carbon – how expensive it is to be green
- Implications of land use

Scale of problem appears in report, can EFTF adopt already written document

EFTF can reference pre-existing lists or town resources instead of re-writing examples

## **Net Zero**

Mentioned in goals in report, does EFTF discuss further?

Included construction definition but not for town. Discuss as a long term ambition

– no clear path to get there but it is an aspirational goal. Defined same way Global Warming Solutions Act defines it. Think of it as a bubble over Concord where there is no net increase in GHG emissions? “Concord aspires to be a Net Zero Community”

Net Zero is a marketing term and a tool and an aspirational goal, a position, attempt to provide clarity.

Position vs. aspiration

Public input topics

Pam – does report cover EFTF position on educating the public? Acknowledge creating more aware consumer is key and recommends updates on towns progress and educating citizens / aware consumers

In several sections including educational summary - satisfied that topic is covered

Timelines are covered in goals but no obvious path– need greater definition and add “need quantifiable interim goals” John will write language in executive summary

(adding milestones, targets, dates to clarify path to 2030) One sentence “establishing interim milestones in x year increments...”

Leadership references can imply a beacon to other communities (leading by example) have we covered it in text? Covered by actions, not explicit in report that “Concord aspires to be a leader in emissions reduction and stewards of the natural world”

## Public Comment

Sue will send her notes on public responsibility

Charlie –report is biased to activity of CMLP, but planning board, bylaws and building code should be addressed re importance

Structure, size of buildings - planning board needs to be charged with goals

Enhance report with recommendations for Planning board

Charlie doesn't think net zero is aspirational, but work to be done

Gov't reach – bias to individuals and residential

Need to go beyond current way of thinking (how to deal with commercial sector which is almost half of consumption)

How to educate commercial sector / get them to commit to reduce through programs

Should there be membership in new advisory committee from commercial segment?

Director has to engage with commercial side

Dan – historically it has been a challenge to get business community to jump in – need to establish goals for business community

EFTF2 needs to be available to public for input

Report is heavy on CMLP prescription - EFTF should tell goal number and date and allow CMLP to define method

John – EFTF has given goal to CMLP but what is light plant's commitment to achieving

Fran - Good feedback on document

Goals may change in terms of numbers in 2030 or 2050 in addition to “80%” mention that numbers may evolve and change

Be clear about ways to accomplish as a member of ICL ( participate actively)

After 80% move to 100% - but cannot refer to Paris as concrete - should aspire to 100%

Gas “Leaks” should be mentioned in report as source of GHG

Deadline of Feb 8 for public comment

Need word doc to comment on (easier than PDF)

Brad – people who read report may want to fight recommendations so if not actionable leave them out

Cooler Concord Fair about saving money and energy so no outside groups involved

Sue – getting key people to the meetings needs dates and times let her know the meetings

Feb 6 Select Board

Feb 28 FinComm

Need to get opposition to meeting on Feb 1 so EFTF can alter/revise report

Charlie did not think it was necessary to say 20-30 % rate increase in report, because it is hypothetical and may not be accurate

John wants to quantify it as an estimate based on the information we had and what the impact may be.

Adjourned 9:45 am