

COMPREHENSIVE SUSTAINABILITY & ENERGY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 3, 2022

Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Comprehensive Sustainability & Energy Committee was held on March 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. CSEC members present were Jerry Frenkil (Chair), Karen Gibson (Clerk), Sharon Jones, Mike McDonald, Douglas Sharpe, and Hany Teylouni. Also present were Amanda Kohn (Sustainability Director), Brad Hubbard-Nelson, Andy Puchrik, and Pamela Dritt.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

2. Approval of minutes from February 17th

Approval of the minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

3. Chair's Update

- Jerry reported for awareness that there are a few residents at Newbury Court who are interested in getting heat pumps. There might be an opportunity for CSEC to help as a resource.
- The CMLP meeting on March 9th will focus their Strategic Plan. A CSEC member should attend and report back to the committee.

4. Director's Update

- Amanda reported on Select Board deep dives into specific topics – one is related to transportation. Because transportation is part of Climate Action Plan, CSEC members might be interested in attending.
- Another opportunity is to sign a letter related to comments on the building energy code. DOER has updated their stretch code and provided a new specialized stretch code. The specialized stretch code is not a net zero energy code. If CSEC members are interested in signing on, Amanda has provided information—a toolkit—for getting involved. At the Town level, Amanda and Town Manager have signed a letter.
- The Municipal Fleet electrification study is out for comment. CSEC is welcome to read through and offer comments. On Monday 14th there will be a meeting on the transportation study meeting.

5. Demo of Cooler Concord Sustainability Series Support

Hany presented the test site of the Sustainability Series on the Cooler Concord website. Each event has a page with a description and logistics; individuals can register for events from the website. Hany asked CSEC members to review the site and send comments and corrections via email by the end of day Saturday.

6. Sustainability Series Event Reviews

Jerry reported on his meeting with Doug and Laura from Mothers Out Front to discuss the Cooler Concord Climate Festival. The event is already generating a lot of excitement. Different organizations are interested in participating and helping out. Reni Cunningham is seeking approval from Library trustees to hold the event on the Library lawn.

7. Promotion Status and Plans

Jerry shared a spreadsheet for Sustainability Series outreach, and asked each of the CSEC members to take 10 or so organizations/names to send the promotional materials to with a request to help us promote the series. Additionally, posters can be distributed around town. Amanda described the outreach materials, promotional toolkit, and the robust plan for promoting the Sustainability Series. The aim is to begin promotion immediately following the March 17th CSEC meeting once everything is finalized.

8. Public Comment

Pamela Dritt (Concord Green) asked if there was anything in the Series about electrifying the school buses/fleet and using the batteries as back up generators. She pointed out that we have to stop putting money into fossil fuel infrastructure and that diesel school buses are one of the worst offenders. Doug suggested this topic might fit at the Festival on April 30th, where information could be provided about the school buses.

9. Adjourn

The next meeting will be March 17th. Jerry thanked everyone for their hard work.

Doug made a motion to adjourn. Mike seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.