

1. Energy Steering Committee Meeting Materials

Documents:

[1-26-21 AGENDA ESC.PDF](#)

2. Energy Steering Committee Meeting Materials

Documents:

[2021-1-26 MINUTES.PDF](#)

AGENDA
January 26, 2021 7:00 pm
Location: Zoom

- | | |
|--|-------------|
| 1. Approval of December 2020 minutes | 7:00 – 7:05 |
| 2. Old Business | |
| a. EV update– Harry | 7:05-7:20 |
| b. Solar team update – Len and Gerry | 7:20-7:35 |
| c. Climate Action Plan Team update – Susan, Rozanna, and Gerry | 7:35-8:05 |
| d. LED Report—Susan and Rozanna | 8:05-8:20 |
| 3. New Business | |
| a. Offshore wind in Maine – Susan | 8:20-8:35 |
| b. Contacts and Communications discussion | 8:35-8:50 |
| c. Future Agendas – suggestions | 8:50-8:55 |
| Adjourn | 8:55 |

MINUTES
January 26th, 2021 7:00 pm
Location: Zoom

Members present: Len Loomans, Susan Covino, Rozanna Patane, Harry Mussman, Cameron Runte, Gerry Runte, Wayne Boardman, Liz Kinzly

Guests: Erin Ferrell

1. Approval of December 2020 minutes – Unanimously approved.

2. Old Business

a. EV update– Harry has created a document outlining the current rebates and incentives.

He has outlined the goals along with the Maine Climate Council updates. Section 3- Efficiency Maine has maps of charging stations. Along I-95 there are charging stations from Efficiency Maine and some operated by Tesla. Tesla has options for charging stations marketed as “Tesla destination sites” that can allow hotels, restaurants, etc to install a charger at a lower cost.

Examples from other towns: Rice library said has an EV charging station and it does not affect electric bill. James Pentful helped to install this and connect them to the right resources. Kennebunk light and power district installed EV charging stations with APP. We would like to consider the York Public Library for an EV charging station. Need to have a dialogue with the Director.

Section 4- What should we be doing? For the municipal side, drafted letter to inform of the \$12,000 rebate for EV. Business charging station for employees can eventually be suggested to the Hospital although not right now. Erin will reach out to YCSA to discuss opportunity for enhanced rebate program for EVs for low income – Efficiency Maine program.

Harry will send his announcement of rebate opportunity for municipal EV purchases to Steve Burns to send out to email list under umbrella of Town Hall. Len and Harry will take lead on this.

Harry will be in touch with the Library to start discussion of EV charging station and options. Liz and Rozanna will take lead on discussions with Library including EVs and retrofit of the building and reconnecting Mike LaSalle with Library to set timeline and goals.

b. Solar team update – There is no word on Witchtrot currently. The RECs purchase from Texas do not count towards emissions reductions for the Global Covenant of Mayors. We are creating replacement options for these RECs. CES has put together a consortium to supply PPA on solar projects that include RECs from these projects. There is a tight timeline for joining this consortium. This would be the first recommendation for Steve Burns. A clear definitive statement on allowable RECs is being created by the solar group in coordination with ICLEI. SMPDC is trying to put together their own consortium and this would be a second alternative to the current RECs. Erin will confirm with Christine about her resubmission of the inventory and if it had to do with RECs not being compliant.

c. Climate Action Plan Team update – CAP group met including Mac from YRF100. A list was created of contacts and interested parties that will be able to assist with the CAP process. This list can help create working groups. Susan and Len created a note to Steve Burns outlining ESC support of CAP process with Civic Moxie. The Planning Board will be the direct contact for Civic Moxie to manage both the Comp Plan and CAP.

There is to be a steering committee for the two plans then there will be a subcommittee for the CAP and a separate subcommittee for the comp plan. Concerns are raised about a joint steering committee or the CAP being subcontracted to the ESC where there may not be as much support. It may be best if there are members of ESC on comp plan committee and some on the CAP. Next steps include the planning board approving the Civic Moxie contract. A kick-off event is to occur in mid-Feb. Concern raised about CivicMoxie creating a new community emissions inventory when there is an inventory created by VISTA Lucy in 2019.

There is concern about working groups meeting by zoom. What can be planned for in person meetings and is there a substitute for zoom? Strictly meeting by zoom may make it difficult for community input and participation. Should there be a delay in starting those meetings?

Liz will send a messaging document update to the group.

d. LED Report— will be updated at next meeting.

3. New Business

- a. Offshore wind in Maine – Susan has a one-page document to be sent out to the group.
- b. Contacts and Communications discussion
- c. Future Agendas – suggestions

Adjourn