



Sustainability Commission – Net Zero 2050 Planning Subcommittee –

Net Zero 2050 Planning Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, Nov 2, 2023
Meeting Time: 12:00 PM
Meeting Location: via ZOOM (recorded)

Attendees: Phil Francisco, Andrew Scott, Charlotte Weigel

Minutes:

Started – 12:00pm

- Agenda Item 1: Review minutes from Oct 10th
 - Phil moved to accept the minutes from the Oct 10th meeting as amended. Charlotte seconded. Phil – aye. Charlotte – aye
- Agenda Item 2: Review action items from last meeting:
 - Charlotte and Phil agreed at the last meeting to target mid-November for a follow up meeting with the Select Board., **Action item:** In light of the Select Board request for a working group meeting on climate change on December 4th we will target a follow up presentation on next steps at that meeting
 - Scheduling meetings with other groups to present town-wide GHG inventory:
 - **Planning Board** – Phil – not scheduled yet –**Action item:** will do
 - **GELD** – Charlotte – spoke with Kevin Kelly and agreed to send him the slides for the Board to review. If they have questions, they will ask us at the next Light Board meeting on Monday, November 6th
 - **Finance Committee** – we agreed that we need cost projections for this, but without having a decarbonization plan in place, it is hard to provide that. The plan is to look at decarbonization plans from other towns to provide a rough estimate. **Action item:** Charlotte plans to have this prepared for the next Subcommittee meeting.
 - **Community** – We will present the inventory and any progress on next steps at the February Sustainable Groton seminar. We decided to hold on writing an article until after the Dec 4th working group meeting with the Select Board so we can include the outcome of that meeting.
 - **GDRHS** –Charlotte and Phil presented the inventory to three AP Environmental Science classes on Oct 26th. **Action item:** Charlotte will reach out to the Environmental Club to see if they would like a presentation for all of their members who are not in AP Environmental Science.
 - **Groton School** – **Action item:** Phil will contact David Black
 - **Lawrence Academy** - Charlotte emailed Michelle Ruby. No response yet. **Action item:** Will try again.
 - GDRSD School Committee - Charlotte has not contacted – **Action item:** will do
 - Charlotte calculated the amount of residential fuel combustion from propane and added it to the inventory.
- Agenda Item 3: Discussed how to make information on the town-wide inventory available to residents

- Action item: Charlotte will create a google drive folder to share on the Sustainability Commission page that is readable but not writable. The excel-based inventory tool will be available upon request, but will be shared in a way that makes sure it cannot be edited.
- Agenda Item 4: Review town clean energy/climate resolutions
 - See Agenda item 5
- Agenda Item 5: Review town climate action plans/decarbonization plans
 - Charlotte shared a rough draft of a powerpoint presentation of the next steps in decarbonization planning – this includes content to enable a discussion on town clean energy/climate resolutions and town climate action/decarbonization plans. Also includes an update on new state program for decarbonization incentives in municipal activities.
 - We agreed that this presentation would be ideal to have for the climate change working group meeting on December 4th
 - We reviewed the slides and Charlotte edited them live. **Action item:** Additional edits were noted and need to be done to round out the content and finalize wording. **Everyone needs to look at the slides and think about how to improve. Save edits to review at the next subcommittee meeting.**

Meeting adjourned – 1:45pm

Next Net Zero 2050 Planning Subcommittee meeting: did not discuss

Respectfully submitted,

- **Charlotte Weigel** Sustainability Commission Member

Minutes approved by Net Zero 2050 Planning Subcommittee, month, xx, 2023.