



Sustainability Commission – Net Zero 2050 Planning Subcommittee –

Net Zero 2050 Planning Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, Nov 9, 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 Nov 2nd
 - Andrew moved to accept the minutes from the Nov 2nd meeting as amended. Phil seconded. Phil – aye. Charlotte – aye, Andrew - aye
- Agenda Item 2: Review action items from last meeting:
 - Scheduling meetings with other groups to present town-wide GHG inventory:
 - **Planning Board** – Phil – not scheduled yet –**Action item: DONE**, scheduled for November 9, 7pm
 - **GELD** – **DONE**, sent presentation to Kevin Kelly and Commissioners. Phil answered questions at their meeting on 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:** Phil now says he will reach out to them because Charlotte did not.
 - **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. **No action here for now**
 - **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. **NOT DONE YET**
 - **Groton School** – **Action item:** Phil will contact David Black – **DONE – no response yet**
 - **Lawrence Academy** - Charlotte emailed Michelle Ruby. No response yet. **Action item:** Will try again - **NOT DONE YET**
 - GDRSD School Committee – **DONE** - Charlotte has sent presentation to School Committee Chair and Superintendent and offered to present to School Committee. **No request for presentation.**
 - 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. – **NOT DONE YET**
- Agenda Item 3: Review of climate action presentation
 - Suggested edits since the last meeting on November 2 were discussed

- Decided to integrate the Select Board goals into the presentation to show how proposed next steps align.
- Next steps follow some of the requirements of state's new Climate Leaders/Green Communities 2.0 program
- Following requirements of state will open up additional funding opportunities for municipal decarbonization.
- Presentation outlines different options for climate action/decarbonization planning and funding opportunities for planning as well.
- **Action item:** Charlotte will complete additional edits based on discussion, and share with Andrew and Phil to review before next meeting

Meeting adjourned – 1:15pm

Next Net Zero 2050 Planning Subcommittee meeting: Thursday, November 16th, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

- **Charlotte Weigel** Sustainability Commission Member

Minutes approved by Net Zero 2050 Planning Subcommittee, November, 16, 2023.