



Sustainability Commission – Net Zero 2050 Planning Subcommittee –

Net Zero 2050 Planning Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, Jan 31, 2024

Meeting Time: 12:00 PM

Meeting Location: via ZOOM (recorded)

Attendees: Phil Francisco, Charlotte Weigel, Ken Horton

Minutes:

Started – 12:00pm

- Agenda Item 1: Review minutes from Jan 11th
 - Phil moved to accept the minutes from the Jan 11th meeting. Charlotte seconded. Phil – aye. Charlotte – aye, Ken – aye.
- Agenda Item 2: Review and edit presentation for Feb 7th Sustainable Groton seminar on Town-wide GHG inventory and what you can do.
 - Charlotte combined the most recent Town-wide GHG inventory presentation with some new slides covering what residents can do to mitigate emissions in their own activities as well as community-wide.
 - Phil agreed to work on the What you can do slides and send back to Ken and Charlotte.
 - Charlotte will bring flags for seminar and set up for anyone interested in signing up for NextZero energy assessments. Phil has stuff for Sustainable Advocate program.
 - Charlotte will add links for seminar to google doc for town website.
- Agenda Item 3: Any other business
 - Charlotte and Phil reviewed reaction to meeting with Select Board on 1-29-24. The Select Board supports the Energy Coaching working group, but they want to know more about benefits of municipal decarbonization and climate action planning and lessons we can learn about successes and challenges from other towns. They have a lot of concern over spending money on decarbonization, given the current climate in town for tightened spending. We tried to reassure them that any plan we propose takes advantage of building upgrades and vehicle replacements that would need to happen anyway and applies new and existing state incentives as much as possible.
 - Charlotte proposes that working on a municipal decarbonization plan first will allow us to take advantage of immediate state incentives to assist municipalities with this planning. She reviewed a detailed outline from the state on what needs to be included, which makes generating the plan much easier.
 - Phil noted concern that proposing to work on a municipal decarbonization plan first will diminish efforts on a climate action plan. Charlotte noted that a climate resolution can be drafted so that a climate action plan is not excluded from future work.
 - Phil agreed to set up a meeting with Mark Haddad to review proposal for climate resolution and municipal decarbonization planning, since he had to leave the Select Board meeting during our presentation and missed all of the discussion.
 - We hope to shoot for Fall 2024 town meeting to propose a climate resolution
 - Charlotte will add content on the municipal decarbonization plan outline provided by the state.

Meeting adjourned – 1:10pm

Next Net Zero 2050 Planning Subcommittee meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted,

- **Charlotte Weigel** Sustainability Commission Member

Minutes approved by Net Zero 2050 Planning Subcommittee, February, 28, 2024.