

MINUTES OF CLEAN ENERGY COMMISSION
July 22, 2021, 5:00 PM
Remote Meeting
(Approved at meeting of October 14, 2021)

This meeting was conducted remotely through ZOOM. All votes were conducted by roll call.

A full recording of this meeting is available at: <http://www.gloucester-ma.gov/1161/July-2021-Past-Meetings>

Members Present: Linda Brayton, Debra Darby, John Moskal, Linda Stout-Saunders, Candace Wheeler, Sam Ziergiebel

Staff: Gregg Cademartori, Gemma Wilkens of Community Development

Guests: Good Energy Representative Daria Mark

Daria Mark Presentation concerning the Community Electric Aggregation program (CEA). The city's first three-year contract under this program expires December 2021. The city and Good Energy have gone out to bid and executed another three-year contract and have obtained a competitive fixed rate that will go into effect upon expiration of the first contract.

Ms. Mark's presentation explained:

- How Good Energy buys renewable energy electricity,
- How Renewable electricity certificates are created,
- How the price for the Gloucester CEA options is calculated
- The difference between other third party offers and the CEA
- CEA Outreach during November/December of this year

Ms. Mark, Mr. Cademartori and CEC members discussed a unique opportunity for the CEA pricing and default options available under the bid contract. It was noted that this option would need to be decided upon, most likely, within the next month. Ms. Mark did not have a firm date. Further, it is either or option; both 5% and 10% are not offered. (Note that one may also elect a 0% option or a 100% option. See June 23, 2021 CEC meeting for further detail.)

- Current default price (rate) with 5% renewable adder: \$0.11085
- New Contract default price (rate) with 5% renewable adder: \$0.10889
- Alternatively, a new Contract default price (rate) **with 10% renewable adder** is available at \$0.11071.

Since the 10% renewable adder price is still below the current 5% price and provides a substantial increase toward the achievement of climate change goals, the CEC will recommend to the Mayor that the city take advantage of this opportunity to approve the 10% renewable adder as the default option. Ms. Wilkens proposed the language for a motion. Mr. Moskal moved to take Ms. Wilkens' suggested language verbatim and put that into a motion

On a motion by Mr. Moskal, seconded by Ms. Darby, the CEC recommends:

"The Administration amend the CEA program contract between Constellation Energy and the Green Energy Consumers Alliance to reflect the default rate with the 10% renewable adder that was discussed.

All members voted in favor by Roll Call vote. Ms. Wilkens believes that this movement recommendation is sufficient to be presented to the Mayor for approval.

Member Reports

Mayor's request for assistance to CEC members (June 23, 2021 CEC Meeting): Ms. Brayton reported that she followed up with the Mayor concerning her request for CEC members to take on the role of liaison attending meetings concerning climate change, sustainability, environmental topics, grants, advocacy, and other matters related thereto.

Energy Manager: Ms. Saunders mentioned a call with Martha Grover, Energy Manager for Melrose, and some members of the Cape Ann Climate Coalition concerning the employment of a full-time energy/sustainability manager. Ms. Saunders pointed out that a cost-benefit analysis (provided by Ms. Grover) of a full-time position demonstrates that the savings and benefits are sufficient to warrant such a position.

Energy New England (ENE): Ms. Wheeler discussed a request from ENE relating to a proposal to the MassCEC's "Act4All RFP" for the creation of a statewide program to encourage and support electric vehicle adoption. ENE is seeking letters of support from Massachusetts municipalities in their grant application under the MassDrives Electric program. Mr. Moskal commented that this request is premature and suggested that the CEC reconsider after a grant has been awarded.

Solect Energy: Ms. Wheeler is continuing to pursue data from the DPW and Community Development.

Public Comment: Concerning the conversation with Martha Grover, Susan Hoague, a member of the Cape Ann Climate Coalition, stated that she will forward to the CEC additional information supporting the economics of a full time Sustainability Manager.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the March 10, 2021, meeting unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Concerning CEC Meeting Minutes in general, CEC members agreed that a summary of each meeting is sufficient since a recording of the entire meeting is accessible.

Action Items and Follow Up

Ms. Darby's comments concerning the future viability of waste management and recovery of energy related to the contribution to climate change goals will be discussed at a future CEC meeting.

Ms. Brayton provided CEC members with three examples of the types of requests that the Mayor receives. CEC will discuss at a future meeting how this type of assistance may be coordinated.

Energy/Sustainability Manager: discuss at a future CEC meeting when Gregg Cademartori is present.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Stout-Saunders