



CITY OF GLOUCESTER Clean Energy Commission

Thursday, February 10, 2022, 5:00 PM

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Candace Wheeler, Chair

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General Discussion (15 minutes)

1. Approve Meeting Minutes, if available: 9/9/21, 10/14/21.
2. Member reports on conferences, meetings, etc., if any.

Staff and Member Topics/ Updates/ Discussions (75 minutes)

1) Gloucester Climate Action and Resilience Plan (CARP): Van Du (MAPC) will provide update on the February 2 CARP Public Meeting on developing the goals for Gloucester's climate action agenda. (CEC and Community Development Dept. are providing guidance and oversight of the CARP plan/process, which will set target amounts and dates for carbon footprint reduction, identify stakeholders to include in the planning process, and define methods and programs for meeting those targets for the City). Gregg Cademartori (Planning Director, Gloucester Community Development Dept.), and Gemma Wilkens (GCDD Staff Planner) will lead the discussion.

2) Possibilities for Gloucester Transition to Electric School Buses. Discuss feasible time-frame for a transition to electric buses given existing bus lease contract; decision and procurement process for transitioning to electric buses; needed research on own/lease options; location and cost of charging infrastructure; financing implementation including electricity cost; relative cost of available "turn-key" electric bus operation/maintenance packages; allocation of the electricity storage capacity of off-duty electric buses.

3) Existing and Potential Future Regulation of Large Propane Storage Tanks. Discuss pros/cons of a City role (vs. State role) in limiting installation of very large propane storage tanks on/under residential property, in order to mitigate climate change impacts of methane consumption and release. Are there alternative available solutions for property owners via electrification of home and driveway heating systems?

4) Update on any meetings of City departments relating to the TownGreen projects with the EPA and the Harvard Graduate School of Design.

Wrap up: Review action items, next meeting date, and adjournment.

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