

MINUTES OF THE CLEAN ENERGY COMMISSION
May 18, 2022, 5 PM
Approved at the meeting of October 12, 2022

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

A full recording of this meeting is available at: <https://gloucester-ma.gov/1212/May-2022-Past-Meetings>.

Members Present: Linda Brayton, Debra Darby, Bob Myers, Linda Stout-Saunders, Candace Wheeler, Sam Ziergiebel

Absent: John Moskal

Staff: Greg Cademartori and Gemma Wilkens of Community Development

Guests: Van Du and, Francellis Morillo-Suarez of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC); Susan Hoague of the Cape Ann Climate Coalition (CACC)

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for February, March, and April 2022 not yet available.

Member Reports:

Ms. Brayton: Mentioned the ARPA listening groups that are coming up. And that a Citizens Planning Training Collaborative is having a webinar series for creating master plans; she will forward the email. On May 3, she attended an offshore wind webinar held by CACC. A recording is available at the CACC website. Ms. Wheeler mentioned that another is coming up in a few months focused on the fishing industry its interaction with offshore wind.

Ms. Stout-Saunders mentioned a zoom presentation titled the Mayflower Virtual Tour concerning an offshore wind project on the Southcoast, MA. She will forward the link to CEC members and move this to a future CEC meeting.

Mr. Myers went to Corbels Beach, Barnstable, MA where Vineyard Wind will come ashore. Right now there is a big hole in the ground. An individual at the site said he did not expect anything coming ashore for 2-3 years although some large equipment was staged there.

Staff and Member Topics/Updates/Discussions

1. **New CEC Member.** Ms. Wheeler extended a welcome to Bob Myers who had been a member of the CEC a few years ago.

2. **Climate Action and Resilience Plan (CARP):** Ms. Du introduced Ms. Suarez who is assisting her on the draft CARP. They are at the approximate 80% completion mark. She summarized the data collected through the various workshops and community input sessions held over the last seven months. They had a list of over 200 strategies that they have been refining.

A draft prioritized strategies spreadsheet based on the criteria developed with Ms. Du at the March 10 CEC meeting was reviewed and used for CEC member's conversation. The focus was on Mobility and Social Resilience. Ms. Du asked members to discuss these two strategies with the following in mind: (1) What surprises you in terms of the evaluation outcome (2) Evaluation ranking disagreement or suggestions and (3) Any language that we can refine to strengthen the equity considerations for that strategy. She asked that Scores not be the primary determining factor. The remaining five Strategies will be discussed at the next CEC meeting proposed to be on June 1, 2022. Mr. Myers had several questions that Ms. Wilkens will address with him separately to get him caught up.

Ms. Wheeler: Based upon an inquiry from s Rockport resident, Ms. Wheeler asked if the CARP supported a net zero declaration. Mr. Cademartori commented this CARP may provide some of the steps to prioritize actions to get us to net zero (which would require further definition).

3. State Stretch Building Code: Mr. Moskal drafted the letter to the City Council that will also be addressed to the Mayor.

A Motion was made to approve this letter with the changes as discussed. All approved by Roll Call vote. Ms. Wheeler will make the revisions and get the letter to the Mayor and the City Council. See **Public Comments** for an update of the disposition of this letter.

4. Mass Clean Energy Center grant program: Susan Hoague is working on an initiative for low and moderate income residents with the goal of getting to 100% renewable energy through community solar, electrification measures and weatherization programs. She is meeting with Ms. Wilkens and an update may be available for the July CEC meeting.

Other: Mr. Myers: Asked if the program known as HEET could be discussed at a future meeting. He will send some material on to Ms. Wheeler.

Public Comment: Marcia Hart spoke concerning her understanding of recent changes to the Stretch Code legislation. Specifically, that a proposed amendment limiting participation to ten communities and that further action would probably be moved to next year. Based upon her comments, the CEC will withhold sending a letter to the City Council and the Mayor pending further definitive information. See Item # 3 above.

Next Meeting: June 1, June 15, June 29, 2022. Note that CEC meetings will commence at 6 pm.

Motion to Adjourn: 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Stout-Saunders