

**MINUTES OF THE CLEAN ENERGY COMMISSION**  
**October 12, 2022, 6 pm**  
**Approved at the meeting of February 15, 2023**

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/1265/October-2022-Past-Meetings>

**Members Present:** Linda Brayton, Bob Myers, John Moskal, Linda Stout-Saunders, Candace Wheeler,

**Absent:** Debra Darby, Sam Ziergiebel

**Staff:** Gemma Wilkens of Community Development

**Public:** Valerie Nelson

**Meeting Minutes:** February 10, March 10, April 14, May 18, June 1 and June 15, 2022, approved collectively by roll call vote.

Note: time stamp is approximate location discussed within the recorded minutes.

**Member Report**

**Agenda Items:** CEC Members voted to take Agenda items out of order.

.06 **# 2 Community Electricity Aggregation update:** Ms. Wilkens provided an update of the resources available to residents, such as the Community Development website and Innovate Gloucester, that outline benefits and options.

.094 Ms. Brayton mentioned Melrose's promotion of yard signs obtained from Good Energy for those that sign up for 100% green energy. Mr. Myers said he would follow up with Martha Grover of Melrose.

In general it was pointed out that the National Grid proposed new rate (to take effect in November) is an approximate 62% rate increase for supply.

21.30 **# 1 Climate Action and Resilience Plan (CARP).** Ms. Wilkens provided an updated draft with public comments that CEC members reviewed and discussed. She pointed out that the comments will be appended to the final plan and stand as a permanent record of the public process.

1.20 Valerie Nelson: stated that it would be useful to have a reference in the general text of the CARP to the master plan [THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER, 2001] due to the multiple recommendations under the CARP and how those recommendations will be integrated with past and future planning efforts.

1:33 **# 3 Members Reports:** Ms. Stout-Saunders discussed electric school buses and the status of reissued (September 26, 2022) bid documents for a 3-5 year lease of a mix of 15 buses and a bid for purchase six 77-passenger diesel buses. There is no mention of requesting a bid for electric buses. She pointed out that under the CARP Mobility, Goal # M-5 it specifically states “Pursue Electric Buses in the School District.” CEC members discussed the possibility of sending a letter to the Mayor, City Council and School Department expressing our concern that this is not in accordance with the CARP.

**1.50 Motion by Ms. Wheeler:** Moves that the CEC votes to request that Community Development, specifically, Ms. Wilkens and Mr. Cademartori (or either of them) look into the nature of the current school bus bids that have been recently released and determine if there is any provision that would move the city toward the electrification of some of the school bus fleet; and in the event that is not built in to of any of these bids, that a letter be drafted by Ms. Stout-Saunders on behalf of the CEC that would express concern that we are moving toward a contract that does not follow the recommendations of our own CARP.

All CEC voted in favor by roll call.

Ms. Wilkens will follow up for clarity concerning these bids and advise the CEC by email. Dependent upon Ms. Wilkens findings, Ms. Stout-Saunders will draft a letter in accordance with the above Motion.

**Next Meeting:** November 16, 2022

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:50 pm

**Respectively submitted,**

Linda Stout-Saunders