

MINUTES OF THE CLEAN ENERGY COMMISSION
November 16, 2022, 5PM
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/1270/November-2022-Past-Meetings>

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

Absent: John Moskal,

Staff: Greg Cademartori, Gemma Wilkens of Community Development

Guest: Councilor at Large Jeff Worthley

Public: No Comments

Meeting Minutes: None to approve.

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

Member Report

Agenda Items

.020 **1. Climate Action Resilience Plan (CARP):** Ms. Wilken reported that the comments discussed at the October CEC meeting have been addressed and incorporated in to the CARP. Comments and responses have also been appended to the CARP.

.040 **Preview of the CEC December, 2022 meeting:** Due to the number of topics proposed for this November 16 CEC meeting, the following topics will be addressed in December: Specialized Stretch Code, Gloucester Community Electricity Aggregation and the 100% renewable energy option, offshore wind update relative support services opportunities; and introduction of David Fields, the new Community Development Director.

.060 **2. Floodplain Zoning/Climate Zoning:** Mr. Cademartori presented a preview of what will be a proposed ordinance through the City Council and the Planning Board. This plan was reiterated in both the CARP and Open Space Plan. The Floodplain Zoning Recommendations can be reviewed at the recording of this November 16, 2022 .Mr. Cademartori noted that the community runs the risk of being removed from the national flood insurance program if the state and/or Federal requirements (as they may be updated) are not met. Public discussions will be held next year.

.350 3. Electric School Buses: Ms. Wilkens met with the School Superintendent and the School Department who indicated their interest in piloting electric school buses (E-Buses) recognizing that there is a long of planning process before that can occur. She has also been in touch with the Mass Clean Energy Commission for an understanding of the Technical Advisory program due to be released at the end of December 2022. The School Department has submitted their application of an expression of interest in this program.

In the interim the School Department has issued bids for the replacement of existing school buses. These bids do not include an alternative for E-Buses. Ms. Wilkens indicated that the School Department is taking the lead on the E-Bus planning and that no specific action from the CEC is necessary. As follow up to the Motion made at the October 12, 2022 CEC meeting, Ms. Stout-Saunders will draft a letter to the Mayor, City Council and the School Department expressing the CEC's concerns as they relate to Mobility under the CARP.

.530 4. City Councilor at Large Jeff Worthley's proposed Renewable Energy Ordinance ("Ordered that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Chapter 5 "Buildings and Building Regulations" Article IV "Construction or Restoration of City-Owned Buildings" be Amended by adding a new Sec. 5.62") "this Ordinance". This Ordinance was referred by Ordinance & Administration to the City Council on October 25, 2022 CEC Members have reviewed this draft and provided various suggestions such as more specificity of the type of projects i.e., type of renovations, energy efficiency, electrification, etc., and discussed this Ordinance relative to provisions under the CARP. Councilor Worthley will summarize the changes proposed in this CEC meeting and circulate to all the members of the CEC. Councilor Worthley intends to have a new draft available for the next O&A meeting on December 5, 2022.

1.32 Motion by MS. Wheeler:

The Clean Energy Commission (CEC) will send a message to the City Council that the CEC is in favor of the concept of this Ordinance and that the CEC would like to continue to work with Councilor Worthley on the refinement of the language, but that the general spirit of an ordinance that would have municipal projects meet the highest standards of efficiency and renewability that are possible and consistent with the Climate Action Resilience Plan.

All members voted in favor by roll call.

Next Meeting: December 14, 2022

Meeting Adjourned: 6:47PM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Stout-Saunders