

MINUTES OF THE CLEAN ENERGY COMMISSION
December 14, 2022, 5PM
Approved at the meeting of March 22, 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/1273/December-2022-Past-Meetings>

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

Absent: John Moskal

Staff: David Fields, Gemma Wilkens of Community Development

Guest: Councilor at Large Jeff Worthley

Public: No Comments

Meeting Minutes: None to approve.

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

Agenda Items

.04 **1. David Fields the new Director of Community Development:** Mr. Fields introduced himself and shared his background. He pointed out that Ms. Wilkens will be working directly with him, and that Ms. Wilkens' previous position will be filled. Ms. Wheeler and Mr. Myers asked about offshore wind, marine related jobs and Jones Act compliant vessels. Ms. Darby asked about grant opportunities. Mr. Fields indicated that all of these items in addition to the CARP and Harbor Plan will be considered within the overall 2023 comprehensive citywide planning process.

12.0 **2. Stretch Code:** Ms. Wilkens presented the timeline and process for review of the Specialized Opt-in Stretch Code which would need to be voted in by the City Council. The CEC should review the new language of the code and provide its comments. Ms. Brayton pointed out that the Building Department's input needs to be obtained. Ms. Wheeler asked if this new Stretch Code also applies to municipal buildings. Ms. Wilkens was unsure and will advise. CEC Members discussed some of the pros and cons of the HERS rating process under the Stretch Code and the impact on construction cost versus life cycle savings.

42.0. **3. Community Electricity Aggregation promotional presentation by Mr. Myers.** Using yard signage to promote 100% Local Green Community Electric Aggregation was discussed and sample signage presented. Mr. Myers will work with Ms. Wilkens to coordinate this effort.

58 **4. Offshore Wind Update from Mr. Myers.** (Offshore wind was not discussed.) Mr. Myers asked about publishing on the City and/or the Clean Energy Commission website pages the revenue to date generated for the City by the existing wind turbines. Ms. Wilkens will review and advise.

1.0 **Renewable Energy Ordinance Update:** City Councilor at Large Jeff Worthley discussed the purpose and benefits of his proposed ordinance that would make it a requirement for any new municipal building project. Councilor Worthley and Mr. Ziergiebel will work on a revised draft based upon CEC comments in this meeting and the CEC meeting of November 16, 2023.

Next Meeting: January 11, 2023

Meeting Adjourned: 6:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Stout-Saunders