



**Energy & Sustainability Committee**  
**Thursday, March 10, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Remote Meeting**

**Attendees:**

Dan Bostwick  
John Shutkin  
Chris Rabinowitz  
Emily Prince  
Bob Dorer  
Margot Fleischman  
Suzy Enos  
Taissir Alani (Facilities)  
Chris Gitting (Planning Board liaison)  
Ron Scaltredo (Facilities)

**Guests:**

Brendan Welch  
Patricia Fabian  
Corinne Doud  
Erin Dorr

**Minutes**

Emily called the meeting to order at 7:03pm and read the remote meeting announcement.

1. Public Comment

No members of the public wished to make a comment.

2. ESC Priorities for FY 2022 & 2023

The committee brainstormed priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. The following ideas were raised as possible focus areas for the committee's work in the next fiscal year. The committee will discuss them further at an upcoming meeting.

- Invite DPW Director David Manugian, Recycling Coordinator Liz Antanavica, and Facilities Director Taissir Alani initiatives they are planning.
- Assist and participate in hiring of E&S Manager.
- Look for other Federal opportunities for grant funding



- Investigate energy disclosure bylaw for large buildings, utilize assistance from NEEP in drafting such a bylaw
  - Run a HeatSmart campaign to encourage residents to switch to heat pump– similar to the Solarize Bedford campaign from several years ago.
  - Develop ideas for reducing food waste in our trash stream
  - Organize community outreach event, such as an EV day to promote new charging stations.
    - Dan and Emily will work on planning an EV event at Depot Park
3. Earth Day Community Events  
DPW and Mothers Out Front are sponsoring composting event at Library on April 23 from 11am-2pm. Mothers Out Front is publicizing.  
Motion for ESC to co-sponsor Apr 23 composting event: moved by Bob, seconded by John.  
Motion passed 7-0-0
4. State Legislation. Chris reported on the following legislation
- a. S. 2165/H. 4044 – *An Act Increasing Solar Rooftop Energy*  
Sent for study by the overseeing committee; probably won't go anywhere this session.
  - b. S. 1333 – *An Act to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Permitting Local Option All-Electric Building & Home Ordinances*  
Bill was reported favorably out of committee. This bill would accomplish much the same goals as the Net Zero Stretch Code, would require opt-in by municipalities. ESC will continue to monitor, possibly send a letter of support to legislators
4. Energy & Sustainability Manager  
The position is included in the Select Boards FY2023 Operating Budget, article 17 at Town Meeting.
5. Review Town Warrant  
The Committee reviewed the articles on the warrant for the March 28 Annual Town Meeting and made recommendations on the following articles
- Article 9**, Design Funding for new Fire Station: Bob moved ESC recommend approval, Suzy seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0  
Dan will speak in favor and how design should follow Town Energy policy.
  - Article 11**, \$1.5M to buy easements for bike path construction: Project will clear trees along the path and about 20 trees along Railroad Ave. Bob moved ESC recommends approval of article 11, Suzy seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.
  - Article 6**, funding for bike path easements: Bob moved ESC support Article 6 #12, Dan seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Bob will speak in favor of both article 6 and 11
  - Article 17**, Operating Budget: Dan moved ESC recommend approval, Bob seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Emily will speak in favor of the operating budget



6. Status updates:

a. Bedford Arbor Resources Committee

BARC chair reported North Rd intersection reconstruction was approved by Select Board. DPW will try to save 3 large oaks. There's a greater awareness for not cutting trees than there was 10-15 years ago. The Town does have a Tree Policy that applies to municipal projects that does require replacement of trees.

b. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for the Public

The Town is waiting for first payment for the Depot Park station usage. The charging station at the DPW is in the design phase. The Police station EV charger will be part of the building construction.

Suzy made a graphic showing the EV charging station usage that will go on the ESC webpage. The Planning Board has requested charging stations for special permit applications and developers have been generally agreeable.

c. Composting:

Black Earth has 320 households in Bedford. Margot has some conversations with TM about municipal composting, currently there are no economies of scale for the Town. The DPW Director may have more information when we invite him to an ESC meeting.

d. Community Choice Aggregation

One resident's accidental opt-up was sorted out with Good Energy. Energy futures are doubling, so people should opt in ASAP to save money. Emily will speak with Good Energy about new social media to encourage opting up.

e. Multi-Town Gas Leaks

The multi-town gas leak organization has had no new meetings

7. Town Buildings

Energy use in municipal buildings has as been consistent. Facilities, DPW, and Food Service met today to develop a plan remove food waste from JGMS and BHS kitchens and compost with Black Earth.

8. Network Ground Source Geothermal Heat Pumps

Eversource awarded their pilot program for networked geothermal heating to Framingham.

9. Webpage Review

Suzy will ask the Town's IT department to put a flyer publicizing the Apr 23 Composting Event on the ESC web page

10. Approve January Meeting Minutes

Bob moved the committee approve the minutes of Jan 6, 2022. Chris seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0



11. New Business

Christine spoke with MAPC's Clean Energy directory, Cammy Peterson. Christine discovered that Winchester's Sustainability Director was funded by \$52K one year grant from a private foundation. MAPC has a Technical Assistant Grant for purchasing EVs or infrastructure.

Christine moved the meeting adjourn, Suzy second. Motion passed 7-0-0  
Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm