



**Energy & Sustainability Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday, June 2, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Remote Meeting via Zoom**

**Attendees:**

Members: Emily Prince (chair), John Shutkin, Dan Bostwick, Bob Dorer, Suzy Enos (*minute taker*), Margot Fleischman, and Chris Rabinowitz

Liaisons:

town committees: Chris Gittins (Planning Board)

town staff: Ron Scaltreto, (*Assistant Director of Facilities*), Bedford TV (*meeting recording for later broadcast*)

visitors: Erin Dorr, Julie Brill, Patricia Fabian, Terry Gleason, Robin Steele, Tanya ;  
absent;

Emily Prince called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and reviewed the various requirements of the Governor's emergency order related to the use of remote meetings and how participation is handled in the Zoom webinar format being used by the Town of Bedford. A roll call of Energy and Sustainability Committee (ESC) members present was conducted. 6 members being present Prince then proceeded with the published agenda for the meeting.

1. **Public Comment** – No members from the public were interested to speak.
2. **Brian Developer** was scheduled but not able to attend. Apartment complex with affordable housing (25%). Committed to making it a sustainable development with solar and EV charging. He will speak next month.
3. **ESC Priorities for FY 2022 & FY 2023** – Emily distributed proposed goals prior to the meeting. There is space to note lead ESC members next to each proposed priority.
  - Dan will lead disclosure by law, and support community education items
  - Bob will lead Cars & Coffee, Solar Energy, Bedford Day, Minuteman Bikeway
  - John will support disclosure by law, Solar Energy,
  - Chris will lead all composting items, support HeatSmart, liaise with BARC, monitor gas leak activity
  - Margot will lead Community Choice Aggregation
  - All committee members will support the Energy & Sustainability Manager



- Emily will support composting, CCA, HeatSmart and new construction
4. **Energy and Sustainability Manager** – Job will be advertised for the next two weeks, with an intention of a late summer start. Emily will participate in second round interviews.
  5. **Minuteman Bikeway Extension** – ESC can support education of residents and speak in favor of the project. Chris called out the importance of the documentation which is available on the DPW website. Bedford Friends of the Minuteman Bikeway has been leading the education support activities. Terry Gleason sent some comments/questions to Emily who will share with the committee members. There was a bike count last week to understand bike traffic to schools. Bob will make the connection to get further information.
  6. **Status updates** –
    - a. Bedford Arbor Resources Committee – no update.
    - b. EV stations for the public – DPW stations are being finalized. Still waiting for a proposal for a third station at Lane. Parking striping / labeling to be improved.
    - c. Composting – 325 subscribers (-1 from last meeting) using Black Earth. Chris will understand how Concord and Lexington financed their composting initiatives. Emily and Chris can meet with Liz Antanavica and David Manugian during normal work hours. School composting in the kitchens is going well. Rolling out to additional buildings in the fall – hoping to include students. Receptacles will be picked up at the end of school and returned in the fall.
    - d. CCA – Through end of April, 128 household with 100% (up from 90 in February). 19 households with 50% (up from 11). 110 households on Bedford Basic (the minimum). ~3800 households are on the default Bedford Green. Emily will write a letter to the editor when the new rates are available.
    - e. Gas Leaks – Chris and John attended a May 24<sup>th</sup> MAPC meeting National Grid discussed a 'green hydrogen' future. There was a rebuttal from a professor. Not much discussion of present challenges. The presentation was recorded.
    - f. Legislative Updates – no updates. Chris & Emily will update next month.
  7. **Net Zero** – No updates at this time.
  8. **Car Idling** – Emily has been put in contact with Health Bedford and Safe Routes to Schools folks with an eye towards getting information out about anti idling.



9. **ESC Webpage Review** – No updates suggested. It was mentioned that a town web site upgrade is in the future, but no details are available at this point. Margot will try to get some information.
10. **New Business** – No new business raised.
11. **Remote v. In-Person Meeting Vote** – We have the option to continue on Zoom. The committee was split, but will meet on Zoom for July.
12. **Approve May Meeting Minutes** - Suzy moved to approve the May minutes with the correction of two typos in item 6, Dan seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 6-0-1.

Suzy moved to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0-0.