

# Committee for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (CEES)

Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2023  
6:00pm – 7:30pm  
Community Room/GoToMeeting

## Committee Members Present

- Peter Fromuth     David Ertz     Scott Sherriff     Celine Kuhn  
 Stephanie Watson     Vacancy     Bill Dunn     Danielle Hood     Megan Hellstedt  
 Anna Siegel (SL)     Heather Abbott (TC)     Meddy Smith (Staff)

Public in Attendance:

## APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER , 11, MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes made by Megan and seconded by Celine, passing unanimously without changes.

## CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

### Climate Action Planning

Meddy and Megan reported on the next steps of the climate plan, including refining actions and bringing to town staff for review. The group reviewed the draft goals of the Plan and the current draft structure for organizing actions and implementation in the final Plan document. Celine suggested using SMARTIE format to rework goal language and Stephanie suggested that details for implementation could be moved out into an appendix. Stephanie also suggested that YCAT runs through a prioritization framework of urgency and impact to denote priorities in the plan in alignment with Council process. Identifying what 'impact' is defined as is key (GHG emissions reductions, adaptation benefits).

The group also discussed several metrics proposed for tracking progress on actions, such as EV registrations.

Heather reported that a representative from Summit attended a recent council meeting to discuss the Climate Plan process and Meddy reported that she has been in touch with several representatives already and invited them to future council meetings to share their feedback once a draft is presented.

## ONGOING PROJECT/POLICY UPDATES & OTHER BUSINESS

### Sligo Road Solar

David Ertz gave an update on the effort to create a solar array at Town property on Sligo Road. The project team met with EDPR and confirmed that the only path to move forward is to reduce the project size to under 1 MW. In order to take advantage of net billing, the project would need to make the 2024 deadline – which is not likely. Lowering the capacity means that the project would not need a cluster study, just the CMP study but the project would then be third in line. That may take up to one year and commission could be in 2025. EDPR will submit documents in November. The project group will investigate if phasing is possible to increase capacity over time – although it was noted that could include permitting for the full intended capacity.

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- *Action Item(s)*: David will provide updates to the group in the next meeting.

## School Research

Megan reported on conversations with a contract with TRANE that a small group of CEES/YCAT members had recently. The discussion was to get a sense of the process for exploring decarbonization assessments/work for school and municipal facilities. Dr. Dolloff has been connected via email to this contact, as requested, and next steps on this work include speaking with the Town Engineer about previous energy assessments or performance contracts.

ADJOURN

The Committee adjourned upon mutual consent at 7:45 pm