

# Committee for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (CEES)

Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2023  
6:00pm – 7:30pm  
Community Room/GoToMeeting

## Board Members Present

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

Public in Attendance:

## APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 12, 2023, MEETING MINUTES

- Danielle Hood brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm and called for a motion to postpone approval of the April, 12 2023 minutes due to lack of quorum. Minutes were later approved when quorum was reached and Bill Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes and accept as presented. Peter Fromuth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## PRESENTATION: BILL DUNN, EV CHARGING PILOT PROGRAM

Bill reported on his conversations with the company 'HeyCharge' who is exploring a pilot project in Maine. The company aims to save infrastructure costs by using Bluetooth to process wireless payment for charging. The projected challenge with collaborating for this pilot would be finding a willing location – Apartment complexes? Schools or on town property? Another challenge identified is electricity supply, which usually comes from general feed to the charging complex. The proposed ideal situation would be for host site to manage the meter. System can handle any kind of customized tariff, except for timing boot. Group discussed the original CEES goal of exploring chargers was to enhance access to charging for those without access. Group had considered working with Freeport/Cumberland/Falmouth but the scale was a barrier to implementation.

- o *Action item(s)*: Take back to EV subcommittee to revisit the regional previous work. Look at candidate sites. Due by next meeting. Meddy to look into grants for EV chargers.

## EFFICIENCY YARMOUTH

Discussion on progress of program logistics and what is needed to move forward. Group discussed the value of formalizing the application process and conducting outreach.

- o *Action item(s)*: Meddy to create flyer for Efficiency program, Efficiency Yarmouth subgroup touch base to discuss next steps for this program.

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## COMMUNICATIONS PLANNING:

Committee has indicated interest in creating a dedicated subcommittee focused on outreach. Group accepts approach of sourcing any new members from YCAT, as applicable, and new members will begin after YCAT's charter concludes. Group is supportive of engaging informally with YCAT Communications subgroup, to participate in YCAT events, and to collaborate on ideas.

- *Action item(s):* Meddy to track opportunities for CEES and YCAT communications and engagement efforts to collaborate. Later on, Meddy to confirm Town procedures for adding new members to proposed subcommittee.

## ONGOING PROJECT/POLICY UPDATE(S)

**Review of Climate Action Plan Process and Data.** General discussion of format of upcoming public workshop and invite CEES members to attend and support promotion.

- *Action Item(s):* Meddy to send links to CEES of all data, promotional material, confirm slides with Megan, and create general flyer for CEES work and history.

**Business Incentive Program.** Group discussion on progress for program development. No members or Town staff have further developed the program recently.

- *Action Item(s):* *Business Incentive subgroup (Meddy, Meghan, Anna) to reconnect to identify next steps for program development.*

**Sligo Solar Project.** David Ertz gave a brief update on the Sligo Road community solar project. Updates include that CMP came through with a revised term sheet for Town to review. Currently, the Town attorney is reviewing and will advise Town Council on movement.

- *Action Item(s):* David to stay connected with Town attorney's review and next steps.

## OTHER BUSINESS

**Participation at Clamfest.** Discussion of how CEES should, or can, participate in Clamfest.

- *Action Item(s):* Danielle forward David Mary's email re Clamfest, Meddy ask YCAT about their plans for a float for clamfest and if they need skills or support for building the float.

**Upcoming events.** Notifying CEES members of upcoming events to attend and promote. All promotional materials should be brought and distributed (e.g., new flyers created).

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- Close to the Coast race: June 17<sup>th</sup>, YCAT will have presence and CEES members can attend as well
- Anna is leading a climate activism bird walk 8:30 am Royal River Park
- YTC has declared 1<sup>st</sup> week in June as Y Pride Weekend, special pride farmers market first June 1<sup>st</sup>

## ADJOURN

The Committee adjourned upon mutual consent at 7:37pm