

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 MAY 10, 2023, MEETING MINUTES

Meddy Smith brought the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and Peter Fromuth called for a motion to approve the May, 10 2023 minutes and accept them as presented. David Ertz seconded the motion to approve and the motion was carried unanimously.

CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING

Meddy Smith, Yarmouth's Sustainability Coordinator, initiated a discussion on the role of CEES ('the Committee') in implementing the Climate Action Plan, currently in development with the Yarmouth Climate Action Task Force (YCAT). The group discussed the need for a structure of accountability and monitoring Plan implementation and the value of integrating implementation planning within the planning process itself, in addition to building the capacity of other Town bodies to champion implementation. The group also discussed the possibility of mirroring the structure of the original Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee. The committee discussed the value of CEES taking on strategic and long-range planning the Climate Plan provides while staying flexible to react to opportunities. That would mean continuing current CEES projects while adding the CAP implementation to the goals and tasks of the committee. CEES subgroups could then tackle certain action items and report out to the committee. Some actions will be championed by other groups but could still have CEES member liaisons. The group agreed that this is a broader discussion that should be returned to at a later date once the Climate Plan is more complete.

The group also discussed potential submissions for GOPIF grant funds. Meddy brought forward the idea of submitting the business incentive program for grant funds, and the group also discussed the potential for using the application to fund additional greenhouse gas inventory analysis. Due to some concerns for the reliability of the current data used for the GPCOG inventory and the value of conducting an inventory that can be replicated, the group was in favor of a careful review of data sources for the CAP process and further discussion on this.

- *Action item(s)*: Discuss this topic again when the Plan is drafted to see how reorganization or governance could work.

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ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING

Committee members reported on project updates, including the upcoming meeting with school facilities manager and Energy Management Consultant. This meeting will be to walk sites at the school to explore the potential for including the school site(s) as a location in Efficiency Maine grant application for level 2 chargers.

Peter reported on a potential opportunity with CMP that is dependent on the school installing an EV charger. There could be a potential for significant electricity cost savings after credits are used. Peter will look into this and report back to the group in August.

- *Action item(s)*: Subgroup continue to move project along as necessary. If successful, will bring back to CEES to consult on brand of pedestal and discuss networking.

EFFICIENCY YARMOUTH

The Sustainability Coordinator updated the Committee on the status of this project and identified next steps, which include drafting an application and developing a plan for outreach.

- *Action item(s)*: Meddy and Celine to meet to discuss next steps for project.

COMMITTEE SUMMER AVAILABILITY

After discussion, the committee agreed to cancel the July meeting due to member availability.

- *Action item(s)*: No action required.

CLAM FEST

CEES members part of the Climate Action Task Force (YCAT) notified the group about opportunities to volunteer to support YCAT participation at Clam Fest in July. Megan also reported on a discussion she had with the Director of the Chamber of Commerce about Clam Fest waste management. It is unlikely that additional support will be needed from CEES to manage waste at this year's event. For future Clam Fests, we can return earlier with stakeholders to collaborate on strategies to reduce waste.

- *Action item(s)*: Meddy to send around link to sign up for parade participation and tabling.

ONGOING PROJECT/POLICY UPDATE(S)

Business Incentive Program. No members or Town staff have further developed the program recently.

- *Action Item(s)*: Meddy and Anna to reconnect to identify next steps for program development.

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Sligo Solar Project. David Ertz gave a brief update on the Sligo Road community solar project. Updates include that the redlined terms sheet was received back from Town's attorney and the Town is moving forward to meet with all parties in July.

- *Action Item(s):* David to stay connected with process and provide update via email or in August meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

The Committee adjourned upon mutual consent at 7:23 pm