

# Committee for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (CEES) and Yarmouth Climate Action Task Force (YCAT)

Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2024  
6:00pm – 7:30pm  
Community Room/GoToMeeting

## CEES Members

Peter Fromuth

David Ertz

Scott Sherriff

Celine Kuhn

Stephanie Watson

Bill Dunn

Danielle Hood

Megan Hellstedt

Anna Siegel (SL)

Heather Abbott (TC)

## Staff

Meddy Smith,  
*Sustainability Coordinator*

## APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

No majority for approving minutes of 1/10/24.

## CEES Charter

The members present discussed the potential priorities for the new proposed charter for CEES. While no formal charter for CEES exists, the group has an opportunity to present Council with new priorities in order to guide CAP implementation. Members noted that it would be important for CEES to lead tracking of CAP metrics and update to GHG inventory, in coordination with staff, more frequently than 3 years. Megan asked if there was an easier way to do this tracking and Stephanie will check in with resources at the State. The committee also noted that there is a role for regional partnerships and GPCOG may play a strong role in information sharing/tracking and connecting new CEES group to regional partnerships/collaborations.

Regarding expanded membership, the benefits and drawbacks of adding many new members were discussed. One the one hand there is a lot of work to do to implement the CAP, but it can be difficult to manage a large volunteer group. The present members identified 12-15 total members as ideal and that this full group can be broke into topic subcommittees in alignment with the CAP (similar to YCAT). Ideally there is an opportunity for external volunteers (non-committee community members) able to join sub-committees to complete subcommittee tasks – that work towards implementing CAP.

It was also noted that including students will be valuable moving forward. Megan noted that while a student stipend may not be possible (based on previous conversations) community services hours and other benefits could help student representatives stay engaged.

## Policies for Council



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## Ongoing Projects/Policy Updates & Other Business

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## ADJOURN

The Committee adjourned upon mutual consent at 7:26 pm

## Next Steps

- Look into oil and gas ban legality to understand where in the process of implementation that kind of action could fall
- Find out when appointments committee meets to understand timeline of new CEES members
- Keep in mind Stephanie has a contact (Ross) that could give a talk on school decarbonization and EMT could do a walkthrough – as a next step for that action