

ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2023

Meeting called to order, 7:05 pm.

Attending: Andrea Chasen, Minoo Tehrani, Liz Bone, David Miller, Kevin Shea.

Guest: Gary Levine, Abby Kesler (HomeWorks), Corrin Meissen-Munns, Greg Link

1. Opening of Meeting: Andrea read the rules allowing for public meetings to continue to be held by zoom, pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021.

2. Discussion of Minutes

March 2 Minutes: Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes by David Miller, seconded by Kevin Shea. Roll call vote: All in favor.

3. Abby Kesler gave an update about HomeWorks efforts. There have been more signed up this year already than last year.

2022 signups: 116

2023 signups: 127 (note that this is as of April 30)

We need more signs however; we haven't seen any signs around town. Minoo let us know that she had a problem with booking an audit because she is a former customer of Columbia Gas. Abby will look into it.

The committee asked Abby to send us the emails of people who got audits so we can follow up to add their stories to our webpage.

4. Long Range Plan update- Corrin

- The next meeting will be May 22, 7pm. The discussions are wrapping up equity in town and beginning to talk about aging.
- Chief Dearborn would like to create a way to reach non-residents in town who use the town or work in town, for emergency purposes. The focus groups are wrapping up their last meeting notes.
- -On May 24 7 pm at the COA, there will be a workshop on Public Visioning.

-On June 9th, 4-6 pm, at the COA will be Community Stories on climate change.

How can the committee help with the event? Andrea, Minoo, Liz and HomeWorks will come and host a table. CET will also be there.

5. Gary Levine gave an update about the Pipeline. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was filed and is 2000 pages: however unless there is an extension, all comments are due within a month. Gary asked that we contact [alexander.strysky@state.ma.us](mailto:alexander.strysky@state.ma.us) to ask for an extension.

6. Longmeadow Days/Fall Festival will be on September 9th and 10th. The Committee will have a booth again and we hope to partner with HomeWorks again.

7. Earth Day Review- Our amount of trash and recycling were lower this year which is a good sign. We need to locate areas this year that were missed. Liz will contact Chicopee and Brewster who has a bylaw for nips.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm, motion by Andrea, seconded by Liz, all in favor roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Bone, Clerk