

Elizabeth Bone

Wed, Sep 2,
11:21 AM (8
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to me

Call to order:7pm

Attending: Andrea Chasen, Liz Bone, Lyn Simmons, Dave MARinelli, Dave Miller, Kevin Shea, Steve Marantz

Andrea read opening statement for virtual meeting guidelines.

MINUTES: AUGUST 27, 2020
HELD VIA ZOOM
ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Meeting called to order: 7 pm

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1. Meeting began with Andrea reading of open meeting law pursuant to Governor Baker's guidelines during pandemic emergency declaration
2. Discussion of Minutes of July 23, 2020. Dave Marinelli requested an amendment to the minutes to reflect his opposition to the EV charging station at Storrs Library. Kevin Shea moved to accept the minutes, as amended. Dave Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. Town Manager update-
 - Longmeadow's first Green Communities application was closed out. Lyn asked Mark Rabinowitz to come to town to make sure all projects were in good order to close out. Street lights- Eversource split funding for cobraheads and decorative, Eversource will pay 45% of funding for cobraheads.
 - META grant has been submitted for study of solar for DPW site.
 - New business- Lyn has asked for suggestions for Green Communities projects, due Jan 2021. Some suggestions... charging stations at schools, pool updates (Dave Miller will ask Kurt Freedman), wastewater pump (Andrea will speak to Mark Gold and DPW), Dave Miller will check on school boiler replacement, certification for equipment expertise, hybrid vehicles.
 - Lyn will ask Nick Georgantas to join our next meeting on September 24th to speak about upgrades to schools during this time of Covid.
 - MVP grant (municipal vulnerability project): The town should find out if we got funding for design and bid for 4 town buildings.

4. Chair update-

- Create energy workshops for residents. Showcase with library assistance. According to Mark Rabinowitz, the town's Green Community liaison, the MA Clean Energy Center (CEC) may be able to assist the town in developing and presenting various topics. Ex. passive house, massaves audits, solar, composting. Workshops would be presented via Zoom and we can ask LCTV to record and present them as well. Andrea Chasen will connect with Mark Rabinowitz about workshops. Kevin Shea will ask teachers of engineer and envir classes about interest. Ask Kurt Freedman if interested in speaking about solar.
- Park and Rec open space plan. To preserve open space (goal 5), must think about equalizing carbon footprint when taking away greenery. Ex, living roofs, porous roadways, green infrastructure. Andrea asked us to weigh in on the plan. We will discuss this in more detail at our September meeting.

5. Other-

Dave Marinelli asked Steve Marantz any updates on the water tower property. Steve had no updates.

6. Next meeting- September 24, 7 pm.

Adjourn: 7:51pm. Motion by Liz Bone, 2nd by Dave Miller. All in favor.