

MINUTES OF THE CLEAN ENERGY COMMISSION
June 15, 2022, 6 PM
Approved at the meeting of October 12,2022

This meeting was conducted remotely through ZOOM. All votes were conducted by roll call.

A full recording of this meeting is available at: <https://gloucester-ma.gov/1219/June-2022-Past-Meetings>

Members Present: Linda Brayton, Bob Myers, John Moskal, Linda Stout-Saunders, Candace Wheeler,

Absent: Debra Darby, Sam Ziergiebel

Staff: Gemma Wilkens of Community Development

Guests: Van Du, Sasha Parodi, Cammy Peterson, Francelles Morillo Suarez of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)

This is a special meeting to continue discussion and review of the City's Climate Action and Resilience Plan (CARP). For ease of review, indicated below is the approximate time that sections of the Agenda were discussed that includes a snapshot of the referenced text.

Staff and Member Topics/Updates/Discussions

1. Climate Zoning Presentation by MAPC concerning zoning related to renewables technology and energy efficiency.

Ms. Wilkens explained that Community Development has been working with MAPC through a grant from the EEA to start looking at zoning in relation to energy efficiency and technology with the intent of making recommendations to the City Council.

.04 Ms. Peterson, Director of Clean Energy at MAPC, presented a Climate-Smart Zoning plan for Gloucester. The plan seeks to remove barriers and facilitate the installation and use of net zero enabling technologies. Included in the plan are Use Regulations, Dimensional Regulations, and Setback Exemption (for air-source heat pumps).

.15 CEC Member questions: Ms. Wheeler noted these questions to be explored at a future CEC meeting.

2. Letter to the City's ARPA Listening Group outlining the CARP strategies.

20.15: Ms. Wilkens presented the drafted letter she prepared which would need to be submitted this evening to the Listening Group in order to meet the deadline.

24.10 **Motion by Ms. Wheeler:** To submit this letter to the ARPA Listening Group with a volunteer to prepare the submission. All approved by roll call vote. Ms. Brayton asked for certain clarifications within the letter and then she agreed to submit the letter.

3. Climate Action and Resilience Plan Draft review.

33.0 Ms. Du provided an overview of the planning process for developing this Plan by MAPC and Community Development with community input. The Plan sets target amounts and dates for carbon footprint reduction, identifies stakeholders, and defines methods and programs for meeting those targets for the City.

39.0 Mr. Myers: Discussed his markup of the CARP he sent to Staff and Ms. Wheeler prior to this CEC meeting. His concerns were noted by Ms. Wilkens.

43.0 Ms. Du provided a screenshot of the most recent CARP draft. CEC members discussed recommended changes, priorities, and overall observations. Go through each Focus Area. Some general comments were made and then each Focus Area was addressed.

45.0 Buildings

1.11 Energy

1.40 Natural Resources

1.45 Infrastructure

1.54 Mobility

2.10 Solid Waste Resources

2.16 Social Resilience

2.19 Beginning of the Plan review

Final draft review is intended for the CEC meeting on June 29, 2022. Ms. Wilkens will follow up with an Agenda for that meeting. Ms. Brayton asked to include Member Reports on the Agenda.

2.39 Public Comment: Valerie Nelson asked to see the actual table of criteria and priorities, specifically the working table; is this in the public domain? Ms. Wilkens will check if it can be posted at the website.

Next Meeting: June 29, 2022

Motion to Adjourn: 8:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Stout-Saunders