

City of Cambridge
Climate Protection Action Committee

Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2015

Attendees: Johanna Jobin (Vice Chair); Bill Zamperelli, Rosalie Anders, Lyn Huckabee, John Bolduc, Sarah Brylinsky, Betsy Boyle, David Rabkin, Quinton Zondervan, Ted Live, Melissa Chan, Tom Page; *staff:* John Bolduc

Guests: Paula Phipps, Doane Perry, Keith Giamportone

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm

(No quorum present at the start of the meeting)

ET&P Report

- City Council Health & Environment Committee hearing on the path to net zero resulted in a positive vote. Vote of full Council will occur on 6/22. The recommendation was to accelerate the adoption of the LEED Gold Plus requirement in the Zoning Ordinance.
- Melissa Peters, a new planner in the CDD Community Planning Division, has joined the department; she will work on administering the Zoning Ordinance green building requirements.
- First round of reports are trickling in for the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance. ICF, the City's consultant, is performing initial analysis of the data. Stakeholders will meet in July to discuss next steps after initial experience.
- Currently working on the summary report of the vulnerability assessment. Report expected in 3-4 weeks. Department is currently talking with stakeholders who want to use the data gathered. Currently scoping climate preparedness study.

Solar Recommendations

- Quorum reached
- ET&P staff made the most recent edits to the solar recommendations and they are ready for a vote.
- **Motion to approve edits for the solar recommendations VOTE:**
 - **Motion** – Zondervan
 - **2nd** – Boyle
 - **Vote** – unanimous

CPAC Meeting Minutes

- A member requested that April minutes be redone to a general template. Jobin agreed to revise.
- **Motion to approve May 2105 Minutes VOTE:**
 - **Motion** – Zondervan
 - **2nd** – Zamparelli
 - **Vote** – unanimous

Working Groups

- The committee discussed the status of the working groups.
- Some sought clarification on the meaning of the capacity building recommendation. Discussion uncovered that capacity building is a support function of the other recommendations that prioritizes general research and storage of information about local players in climate change issues. The goal is to provide support to and, in turn, have access to deployable resources when other recommendations require action. Examples included the Sustainability Compact, legislative monitoring and advocacy, training programs. Essentially, mechanisms to enable actions to be implemented.
- There was enough concern about the meaning of capacity building that Brylinksy volunteered to rework the language of the recommendation to better reflect the Committee's shared understanding.

Other News (Extended ET&P Report)

- Cambridge participates in the Metro Boston Climate Preparedness Task Force created by the Metro Mayors Coalition. The task force is an MAPC effort to bring together metro mayors and state agencies to come to regional solutions to resilience challenges.
- The City issued an RFQ for an energy broker to aggregate city supply with emphasis on renewable. The goal is to hire broker by mid-July who will then begin the purchase process.
- 6/17 City Council meeting will discuss zoning ordinance to increase access to car sharing
- Tufts Institute of the Environment is holding a 6/18 "Climathon" where the community can hack resiliency ideas.
- MIT has had a year-long conversation about its role in addressing climate change and issued report on the process on 6/12. The next step is for the MIT President to announce a plan. The MIT Sustainability Office also hired a summer climate vulnerability research fellow to evaluate gaps in the research community and identify where MIT can contribute the most to risk assessment and resiliency. See Climatechange.mit.edu.
- The Committee then discussed what role it had in determining the makeup of the municipal energy supply. All agreed to discuss it more thoroughly in July.

- Climate Co-Lab – 5 concepts were presented, 3 ideas went to the City Manager, including Terra Cotta, light pavement, and striped awning/roofs. No identified next steps for implementation currently. A discussion commenced about the next round of the participatory budget process and whether it would be a viable way to fund some of the proposals. City departments cannot propose projects for this process. Susanne is talking to the City Manager about other options to fund the ideas.

Notes by Lyn Huckabee