

ZEAB
Zero Emissions Advisory Board
Minutes

March 16, 2022 10:00 AM

Meeting held remotely on Zoom due to COVID-19

ZEAB Members in attendance: Jesse Gray, Chair, Wendy Stahl, Kathleen Scanlon
Calvin Thompson, Werner Lohe

Staff: Director Tom Barrasso
Administrative Head Clerk Linda Hickey

Chairman Jesse Gray opened the meeting.

Jesse moved for a vote of the March 2, 2022 minutes

Calvin – Yes	Wendy – Yes	Jesse - Yes
Kathleen – Yes	Werner – Yes	

Pilot Emission Measurement project with PowerD

Wendy Stahl introduced Ethan co-creator of PowerD a software service company who can track greenhouse gas emissions overtime.

Ethan Goldman April – to use energy data for communities to better understand what matters, how much progress able to make and what needs to happen next. We would like to Brookline. Brookline is a leader in this space. This is why we identified Brookline as one to work with for our Pilot.

Short-term pilot at no cost to see what it would be like to work with us. Like to focus on top priority challenges or initiatives that Brookline is working on. Coordinate outreach to community, what community needs to do to be part of the solution.

Wendy Stahl – We would like to get a base model, Proposing temporary Pilot program analyze all utility usage and give more detailed information. Will help us determine the decisions we make are impactful.

Calvin asked to how this works, data sources pulling from, what sources of data; give us full view of data?

Electricity and gas utility data focus on getting sector level data across entire community.

- Efficiency programs
- Need to know how to merge data
- Public data demographics
- Census tract data
- Solarized Programs

It depends on what ZEBA's focus is on how to prioritize data for a Pilot.

Boards questions and comments

- Interested in a baseline, we are just getting started.
- Would be great if a Website existed
- How to set the scope in a more detailed way

Kathleen: What would you start with to examine?

April Salas: Start with a baseline.

John Harris (CAC): Top 3 based on data over the past 10 years

- Energy consumption in buildings
- Energy consumption in transportation
- Electricity generation

Jesse: As chair of this committee hard part is, taking action that is effective in writing Systemic injustice. If you could help us focus on that.

VOTED: Zero Emissions Advisory Board, 3/16/2022 On the issue of signing a memorandum of understanding and a non-disclosure agreement with Power-D.city– a climate solution software-as-a-service startup–to develop an open-source community energy dashboard for the Town of Brookline, we recommend moving forward with this pilot project. Development of an energy dashboard would enable the Town to track its energy use and the efficacy of newly implemented climate policy. This agreement is for the initial no-cost pilot period of the project.

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Thanked April and Ethan.

Discussion and assignment of Spring Warrant Articles for ZEAB review and possible vote on articles to be considered by ZEAB.

Discussion of priorities of what Board wants to do.

- Bicycle Zoning article
- Field Turf ban
- Restriction of single use plastic
- Leaf blowers (not electric)
- Boylston Overlay

- Green electricity
- EV ready

The ZEAB could help focus on the most effective to reduce emissions, Board could help focus Town Meeting of some of the articles.

The Chairman proposes;

- Brookline Hills Overlay District - Kathleen and Werner (Article 15)
- Green Electricity - Jesse Point Person (Article 21)

Public hearing set to deal with Warrant Articles for 3/23/2022

Voted:

Calvin – Yes	Wendy – Yes	Jesse - Yes
Kathleen – Yes	Werner – Yes	

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.