Select Board’s Climate Action Committee (SBCAC)
Minutes of the March 25, 2019, Meeting
Town Hall, Room 111, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

SBCAC Members present: Nancy Heller (co-chair), Werner Lohe (co-chair), David Lescohier (late arrival), Deborah Rivers, Kathleen Scanlon, David Pearlman (late arrival), Linda Olson Pehlke, Alan Leviton, James Carr, David Gladstone | Nancy Heller chaired the meeting.

SBCAC Members absent: Dan Bennett, Don Weitzman, Michael Berger, Swannie Jett

Other Town staff present: Kara Brewton, Zoe Lynn

Public and other guests present: The meeting was well attended by members of the public. Guest included: Matt Shortsleeve from Solect Energy; representatives from Cadmus (contracted by the Town); Brookline High School Environmental Action Club (and other student(s)/teacher(s) presenting with them, and there in support of them). The sign-in sheet did not record all those attended.

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MEETING

• Introduction of SBCAC Members, and of Zoe Lynn, Town’s new Sustainability Program Administrator

• The SBCAC reviewed the draft minutes of the March 4, 2019 meeting, and had no changes.
  ▪ VOTED The SBCAC voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the March 4, 2019 meeting.

• Presentation by the Brookline High School Environmental Action Club and other Brookline students and teacher(s) on the Green New Deal Resolution. Presenters handed out copy of Resolution prepared by their group. Comments, questions and answers followed a number of short presentations. Language of the Resolution was discussed by Committee Members. Co-chair Nancy Heller directed Zoe Lynn to prepare and forward materials for Select Board meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.
  ▪ VOTED The SBCAC voted unanimously to recommend the Resolution to the Select Board.

• PowerPoint Presentation by Matt Shortsleeve from Solect Energy on Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) under consideration by Town. Comments/questions from Committee Members, staff, Cadmus, and the public took place as part of the presentation.

• Proposed competition between Brookline v. Newton for ‘All Green’ electricity (small handout provided):
  ▪ VOTED The SBCAC voted unanimously to recommend the competition to the Select Board.

• Committee Members provided feedback to SBCAC co-chairs on role of SBCAC in upcoming Warrant Article review season. Co-chairs/Members discussed, announced that Public Hearings will be held by SBCAC for Warrant Article 23 and Warrant Article 24 on April 22, 2019 at 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM (the next SBCAC meeting).

  ▪ VOTED The SBCAC voted unanimously to approve the final draft of the Net Zero Ninth School Subcommittee Report.

• David Gladstone shared an update regarding the new climate action committee/group he is facilitating in/for the business community.

• A member of the public announced an upcoming climate-related event.

• Meeting adjourned.

These minutes prepared and submitted for approval by Zoe Lynn, Sustainability Program Administrator.