

ZEAB
Zero Emissions Advisory Board
Minutes

July 6, 2022 10:00 AM

Meeting held remotely on Zoom due to COVID-19

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

Public Attendees: Deborah Rivers, John Harris, Susan Martin,

Staff: Thomas Barrasso, Director of Sustainability

Chairman Jesse Gray opened the meeting and welcomed the members and the public.

Approval of Minutes of 5/18/2022– Werner motioned to approve minutes as submitted
Kathleen seconded.

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

Jesse welcomed the Board Recording has

Discussion and possible vote on ZEAB newsletter

Kathleen Scanlon - Working with Wendy Stahl to communicate to the public - go out twice a month have it be a particular topic as well as updates from the Board. Small group brought together as soon as all available to start organizing.

ZEAB Member Wendy Stahl, Citizen Patty Correra, Susan Martin, Wendy Friedman (Graphic Designer) Hoping Newsletter could be posted on Website. Patty Correra has offered to pull that together. In Brainstorming phase looking at other Town Websites and newsletters.

Werner Lohe -- I think it's great that you're doing this. Lucky to have Susan working with you.

Werner move to authorize Kathleen to work with Wendy in a small work group to get the news letter off the ground Jesse seconded

Calvin - Abstain		Jesse - Yes
Kathleen – Yes	Werner – Yes	

Summer Scheduling

Hybrid Meeting (next meeting)

Kathleen Scanlon will be available in person

Werner Lohe

Have a retreat for everyone get together to know each other as well.

Home Rule Petition Slate

- Need to request resourced programs
- Execute resourced programs
- Green Zoning Choice
- Green Zoning Fiat over building code

Werner Lohe: Wondering whether going to be worth the time and energy. Number of TMM worried about loosening zoning. We may need to pause if we can't get 2/3rd TMM votes.

Kathleen Scanlon: "What defines a green zoning article?"

Green Revenue HRP

Enact a CPA-like property tax surcharge to fund decarbonization at the State and Local Government

Lots of credit to David Lascoyoc very knowledgeable

Calvin Thompson: Questions on Penalizing AC only and Gas would this paired with an incentive for "clean appliances" Not an expected cost

Jesse: Haven't discussed the revenue side yet. The CPA has a committee will make recommendations to TMM on how to spend money. The committee makes the recommendations TMM can approve expenditures or can reject or modify amounts can't redirect to anything it wants. We could use funds from this Incentivize to purchase.

Surcharge could be most practical way to discourage conventional AC and gas appliances.

This is currently in draft mode. Hope to share at next meeting.

John VanScoyoc –the recent TMM experience. A lot of questions are raised on Home Rule Petitions or a resolution that would have the effect to urge rep of Brookline to work with other reps to work on state legislation. There will be at least some push back for Home Rule Petitions.

Jesse: Working with Tommy Vitolo and Sen Cream.

Werner: I think incentives or penalties should be kept simple.

Excise tax surcharge

- New gasoline vehicles
- Luxury vehicle surcharge

Werner, Kathleen and Calvin liked the Excise tax surcharge.

Betterment Program

- State Treasurer
- Low cost of government debt

Werner: Not as excited about this “money talks” would prefer PACE program

Jesse: PACE has not had a good reputation - would have to be much more streamlined access to Capital, a lot of paperwork.

Calvin: PACE often tied to property (lien placed on property) Heat pumps. I see a benefit also see, easy to undermine. Programmatic design.

Different Building Permit fees

A fee has to meet certain requirements. Can't double the fee

½ fee ½ tax for fossil fuels projects

John Harris: thoughts about Home Rule Petition Only valid for two years Resolution better way to go.

Falls TMM perfect time for Home Rule Petition.

The Meeting Adjourned at 11:0 A.M.