

ZEAB
Zero Emissions Advisory Board
Minutes

September 1, 2022 9:00 AM

Meeting held remotely on Zoom due to COVID-19

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

Public Attendees: Carla Benka, Lisa Cunningham, Laura Knott, Susan Martin, Diane Sokal,
John Harris, John VanScoyosc

Staff: Thomas Barrasso, Director of Sustainability
Linda Hickey, Administrative Head Clerk

Chairman Jesse Gray opened the meeting and welcomed the members and the public and announced this meeting was being recorded.

Jess introduced Director, Tom Barrasso – we won a Competitive MVP grant. Thank you for the support letters. Receiving \$75,000.00 and \$20K in kind services and another 5K for Pledge it money. 100K to use Climate crisis action and resilience plan update. An update to 2018 to bring into ZEAB goals.

The Press release hopefully will be coming out today.

Chairman Jesse Gray congratulated and Tom and the Board.

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

Kathleen Scanlon – Brookline Day Eclectic transportation Meet up day. All electric vehicles of all types. Show off diversity of electric options. Any volunteers would be great.

Approval of Minutes Chairman of 8/3/2022 as submitted Calvin moved to approve Wendy seconded the motion to approve. The Board voted:

Ice rink will be discussed at next weeks meeting (9/7/22)

The chair stated that we could have one vote on the slate of warrant articles. Chair asked for comments on the plan – no comments.

The chair shared the slides

- Fossil Fuel Free (DOER pilot program- related)
Effort to have a version that's compliant with the DOER Pilot Program
Zoning By-law version would apply to all major construction does not include exemption for gas cooking, doesn't include exemption for hot water for buildings over 10,000 sq ft.
75% floor arear reduced to 50% Floor area
- New FFF Home Rule petition
- FFF DOER Pilot Program Application

Diane Sokal - Comment – question about 75% threshold - and using 50% threshold with units being same square footage.

OK filing with 50% but if an exemption needed to be made she's happy to help write this up.

Municipal Climate Empowerment Plan (MCEP) Financing Policies

- Climate Protection act (Emissions Reduction Fund)
- Gas Vehicle Excise Surcharge on assessed values of more than \$30,000
- Building Electrification Betterment (BEB)

Comments

Carla Benka have you considered imposing a tax surcharge not based on income but based on owners taking Energy audit and making the building "Green". Reward people that have under taken initiatives.

Jesse; Energy audits are very good does not achieve the goal that we need to achieve.

Municipal Climate Empowerment Plan (MCEP) Authority enhancing policies

- Community Choice Aggregation Innovation Toolkit
- Green Zoning Authority
- Green Utilities

These are all Home Rule petitions they can be changed to a resolution.

Green requirements beyond the Building Code.

Allow gas companies to do other kids of things beyond gas, networked geo, including non-pipeline alternatives.

Chair, this is a lot to vote on we also have a big job. Not 100 % viewed by Town counsel

Wendy; necessary to go bold work as hard as we can to get these passed.

Kathleen thanked Jesse for all is work. Great continuation of what was started in 2019. Very excited about this.

Carla Benka: Any Budget, who administer this? would have to be done by someone in Town Hall.

Jesse; number of new resources here if passed.

Carla submitted to the chat: *For Transfer tax article "provided that this tax shall not apply to sales of properties where there has been a Mass Save or other energy audit and recommendations of such audit have been implemented."*

Vote on a few tweaks being added and required guidelines.

Jess asked for motion; Wendy moved to vote the slate of warrant articles, Calvin seconded the motion.

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

Jesse thanked everyone for supporting the slate of Warrant Articles.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

- **Article content is broad, including the fall Municipal Climate Empowerment Slate previously discussed as well as new DOER pilot program-related Fossil Fuel Free articles.**