

## Beverly Clean Energy Advisory Committee Meeting

1/13/2021 6:30-8:00pm via Google Hangouts

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### Agenda

**Call to order: 6:33 pm**

**Roll call committee:** Julia Long, Julie DeSilva, Fred Hopps, Sean Leach, Tom Keeley, Amy Smith

**Guests:** Lyndon Holmes, Mayor Mike Cahill, Beverly's Sustainability Director Erina Keefe, Chad Gaughan, Wayne Miller, Jordan Stutt, Dean Berg

We all discussed our hopes and dreams for Beverly in 2021 they included education from the committee to the community; access to sustainable energy for low-income people; supporting local businesses; driving less and walking more and adopting some of the "good" behaviors we've developed in the pandemic; thinking globally-acting locally

**Minutes to be approved via email for Oct/Nov/Dec**

### Mayor Cahill Update

- Participated in three BMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade Zoom calls today with Erina about what the city is doing regarding climate change.
- Several dept heads met today to look at building code beyond the stretch code to include looking at NetZero development. All interested in pushing beyond existing practices. Need to determine how to move the needle of retrofitting existing buildings.
- Met with North Atlantic Rail coalition to discuss future of commuter rail and North-South rail. Six NE states and NY state (14 US senators from these states); real interest in electrification and expansion.
- Steering committee of US Climate Mayors group met today. Discussed creation of domestic office on climate; Boston native Gina McCarthy to head this new group in the Biden administration. Ali Zaeda (sp) to be second in command. Cool meeting. Mayor Walsh current chair of Climate Mayors is set to be Biden's sec of labor and hopes are high that he will be able to deliver green jobs! Project of note: Houston is turning the country's largest landfill into a 300-acre solar farm!
- CC to review/approve a 10yr lease for our 2<sup>nd</sup> electric school bus. Looking for committee support of this initiative. Sean Leach to work with the mayor on this.
- S2995 Climate legislation: Mayor has reached out to the governor and secretary on this bill. Mayor believes governor prefers 45% over 50% reduction and that he is concerned about the stretch code (NIOP and Greater Boston Chamber are biggest opponents). Needs to sign tomorrow or the new speaker will put forward again ASAP.

### The Fred Update - Grassroots & Legislation

- Local groups need to be aware of state legislation.
- Julie D. asked for Erina to use the committee to reinforce comms and education to CC so that we can all be garnering support for and understanding of clean energy initiatives.
- **Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN)** [massclimateaction.org](https://massclimateaction.org) to speak at a future meeting.

### EV projects update - Sean

- Three Level 2 chargers at Pond Street/Washington St. have arrived
- DEP unlocked funding for EV charging

- Erina appreciated Sean photographing chargers to secure grant funding!
- Looking for ideas for placement of 4 fast chargers; Sean suggested city looking at future muni needs
- 10 more spaces for level 2 charging: 4 at BHS and 1 at Ayers to be in the ground in March

**Beverly Community Electric (Community Choice Aggregation program) Meeting Tuesday, January 20 at 630-8 public review docs details to follow**

**Resilient Together (Salem and Beverly) Ambassadors program - Fred**

- Ambassadors don't have a clear role yet because the climate action plan hasn't been developed yet

**Earth Day 2021 (Amy Smith)**

- Multiple players in the landscape are invited and encouraged to participate in whatever big or small ways they choose
- After our robust plan and collaboration with The Cabot for the 50 year anniversary of Earth Day put on hold by pandemic
- Earth day is April 22, but we want to have a full month of mostly virtual events (Discussion point: will we endorse safe, socially distant outdoor events as well?)
- Past and potential partners: Beverly Bicycle Committee, BPL, Change is Simple, Salem Sound Coastwatch, Historical Society, Endicott College, Black Earth Compost, The Cabot, Glen Urquhart, Essex Tech, The STEM Van, Keep Massachusetts Beautiful
- Activities: Lecture series and lightning talks, beach cleanups, activity kits and DIY projects with Zoom instructions, trivia night(s), poetry event with Sean Devlin (perhaps Zoom from inspirational locations), million-mile challenge, composting project, historic talks (Dr. Coleman)
- Shop local (features and discounts): local breweries, roasteries, and restaurants, Unpacked Living, Pure Pastry, Essex County Candle
- Hoping to have Earth Day Beverly app including microblog for each business
- Ideas for CEAC participation: Passport to move around Beverly on their own to visit different CEAC sites; scavenger hunt; education!; tour of Navisun solar farm (and other off-limits places); EV online fair or EV bus concert similar to Homecoming; push CCA somehow
- Send ideas to [earthdaybeverly@gmail.com](mailto:earthdaybeverly@gmail.com)
- Registration will be through Green Beverly

**MA Development PACE Program – Erina**

**Fred motioned and Julie D. seconded to change meeting time to 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 630 to 8; motion carried 6 to 0**

**Adjourn: 8:02 PM**

**Schedule shift to 3rd Wednesdays: 2/17, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19, 6/16 (adjourn for summer break)**

**Next meeting: 2/17/21, 6:30–8:00**