

Beverly Clean Energy Advisory Committee Meeting

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Agenda

Call to order: 6:37 pm

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

Absent: Tom Keeley

Guests: Lyndon Holmes, Beverly's Sustainability Director Erina Keefe, Stacia Chamberlain, Robert Bonney, Sue Patriola, Mayor Mike Cahill, Bruce Egan, Dean Berg

Motion to approve March Minutes by Fred and seconded by Julie; approved 5 to 0; Erina to forward last few meeting minutes to Lisa Kent/city hall as needed

Julia Update

- Public hearing tonight for the Solar Project; Kearsage to present to the Planning Board for special permits for height and other issues; Fred, Erina, and the Mayor will attend that call.
- Updates on BevTalks and happy we are surrounded by good ideas and good people and CEAC is among them.
- Asked all for an Earth Day eve thought about what's on our minds today. Common themes were hope, opportunity, community, education, momentum.
- Asks for committee to think what our goals for CEAC should be in the fall with only 2 meetings left before summer break.

Fred Hopps Update

- Landmark Climate Road Map Bill, first since 2008, passed!
- Raising net zero from 40 to 50% in 2030
- Aggressive stretch building and energy codes
- Environmental (human) component is huge; giving everyone access to solar.
- Increases in required renewable percentage slated to reach 40% by 2030 and increases in offshore wind wattage is promising as well.
- MA delays in clean energy infrastructure are being looked at in a study by Brown University, e.g., clean energy advocates are outspent 3:1 by large industry coalitions

Robert Bonney (Citizens Climate Lobby) Presentation

- Nationally focused on a single issue: carbon "pollution" pricing
- This week US Senate bill introduced by a bipartisan group calling for sequestering carbon, using financial incentives to change behavior (for reference: <https://brownfieldagnews.com/news/growing-climate-solutions-act-introduced-in-u-s-senate/>)
- More than a dozen Beverly citizens are part of the group!
- Working with Seth Moulton, early adopter
- Pending Biden announcement working for 50% reduction in emissions by 2030. Pundits are speculation that a carbon tax may be an element of the plan
- Website for CCL bill: <https://energyinnovationact.org/>
- Rob reviewed this piece: <https://energyinnovationact.org/infographic/>

- Fee comes at the beginning when the fuel comes to market; the fee is then passed on to the marketplace
- En-ROADS is an online climate solutions simulator developed by MIT, testing 18 different scenarios, such as what if we plant XXX trees. Single biggest measure is carbon emission reduction.
- Julia asked Rob and the Mayor about the possibility of enacting something like this in Beverly. Short answer is that it is difficult to do at the city level. Alternatively, Beverly being part of coalitions is preferred. Federal legislation is the ultimate goal.
- The next CCL Northshore monthly meeting via zoom meeting is:
May 1 at 9am
<https://citizensclimate.zoom.us/j/3756731989>
password 123
- Reach out to Rob at bonney.rob@gmail.com: he would love to chat more, answer questions
- To discuss a possible EN-ROADS climate simulator hosted by CEAC, let Rob know. And check it out here: www.climateinteractive.org/tools/en-roads/

Words from Sue Patriola

- Activist with her MBA in sustainability, who took a few years off because of burnout; former sustainability coordinator for Hamilton-Wenham years ago
- Her idea is a sustainable North Shore group/platform to unite groups like ours and create power and influence in numbers
- Her personal passion right now is oceans, with trees as a second
- Looking for our contacts and groups across Essex County and North Shore
- Fred offered to connect on the many orgs with whom he has affiliations
- Erina shared a list of many local groups signed up as Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN) chapters: https://www.massclimateaction.org/mcan_chapters

You

7:30 PM

I assume you know of <https://www.salemsound.org/>

Robert Bonney

7:31 PM

Sustainable Marblehead is great

Stacia Chamberlain

7:31 PM

don't forget the League of Women Voters

Erina Keefe

7:32 PM

This is a list of many local groups signed up as Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN) chapters: https://www.massclimateaction.org/mcan_chapters

Stacia Chamberlain

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ICLEI also shares info on initiatives, they're really a great collaborative, membership-based international organization

Mayor Cahill Update

- 4.5 MW multisite solar project meeting tonight
- Inundated with climate presentation invitations which is awesome, including roundabouts and food waste and more!
- We signed on in 2018 with C40 (coalition of big cities). We have been a signatory for 2.5 years committed to take multiple actions as part of the effort to lower emissions across the world. Global Cities Launch to Zero--because of our commitment "little ole Beverly" is one of the founding members of this initiative launched last November. The 2021 event is focused on more detailed actions on how we will get there. The 40 cities is now 700 with a goal of 1,000!
- Our work on the Climate Action plan and resolution was a big piece of our commitment and success.
- Europe is really wanting to shine a light on American involvement after 4 years of being absent.
- MAPC group has a NS technical assistance program that Erina has met with in hopes of getting the most people access to our programs

Adjourn: 7:52 PM

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

Next meeting: 5/19/21, 6:30–8:00