



Clean Energy and Sustainability Committee

Minutes of Public Meeting

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DATE: **Tuesday, March 4, 2025** *TIME:* **5:30 PM**
PLACE: **Town Offices** *ADDRESS:* **50 Billerica Road** *ROOM:* **200**

MINUTES

Prepared by Sean McGuigan, Clerk

MEMBERS PRESENT: Badhri Uppiliappan (Chair, in person), Sean McGuigan (Clerk, in person), Peter Spawn (in person), Bern Kosicki (virtual), Jack Bergstrom (virtual), Nicolas Mercier (virtual)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Walton

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Haley, Chelmsford Sustainability Manager

Public Input

No public input

Update on MassSave Program

Main Streets Program

EnergySource can't share the National Grid list of businesses so they recommend that we create our own database of small businesses and EnergySource will provide whatever information they can to us. We can reach out to these companies before the next campaign to let them know details on the campaign. We can let the Energy Advocate help us with this program. The other source of information came from Chelmsford Business Association and we need to obtain that list.

Community First Awards

- We received contracting documentation.
- The training/onboarding is planned for April 4th with registration by March 14th. Two people can attend but we have two towns so can 4 people attend?
- Will cuts to MassSave budget affect this grant?
- Trying to get rate code data – don't have access to that yet. Can we write a custom letter to lower rate customers that National Grid can send out?
- New MassSave requirements to allow a renter to do updates without a cost to owners?

Clean Heat and Solarize Chelmsford Updates

Badhri met with National Grid about having them demo heat pumps, perhaps during the Town's Earth Day event or the Country Fair in July. They can demo heat pumps and participate as a resource.

Homeworks Energy Update

We haven't established a MOU yet because Bern will speak to Abby about what Homeworks can actually do for us. Their audits have tapered off but why? Are they struggling with resources? We eventually need to get someone from the business-side, not just marketing, to explain the plan forward.

Chelmsford Council of Schools sent an email to parents of students on February 12 promoting the MassSave auditing program.

Chelmsford Choice

After April Select Board elections, we will go in front of the Select Board to discuss the program and get them on board. May 5th will be the next Select Board meeting after elections and we should get on the agenda. The elevator pitch is this is the most effective way to make progress towards net zero. Perhaps use out-of-region wind/solar? Sean and Chris will discuss options. The Town just went 100% green for Town's electricity.

Climate Action Plan Update

There will be a Greater Boston Climate Action Plan NMCOG meeting in Dunstable on March 27th.

Meeting Minutes

The February 4th meeting minutes are available for approval. Jack made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for those two meetings as amended. The motion was seconded by Peter and the motion was approved. The meeting minutes will be sent to the Town Clerk.

Sustainability Manager Update

Superchargers for the police, North Road fire department and DPW fleets will be installed for free by grants for the Town.

We did get approval for the Climate Leaders program.

March 22 Volunteer Fair to attract new members for the committee?

April 2025 Meeting Date

We have scheduled our next meeting for April 8, 2025 at 5:30 PM with back-up at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.