



Clean Energy and Sustainability Committee

Minutes of Public Meeting

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DATE: Monday, Aug 11, 2025

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Town Offices ADDRESS: 50 Billerica Road ROOM: 200

MINUTES

Prepared by Jacqueline Zeimbekakis (Member, Clerk) and Badhri Uppiliappan, Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Badhri Uppiliappan (Chair, in person), Jacqueline Zeimbekakis (in person), Bern Kosicki, Peter Spawn, (all in person), Priya Easwar (Virtual)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jack Bergstrom, Nicolas Mercier

Various programmatic updates were provided

- Energy advocate could not make it
- Bern had updates about Mass Save and Home Works agreement for offering Home energy audits to residents of Chelmsford and Billerica
 - Home Works & Mass Save effort will be with Chelmsford and Billerica. They are asking the towns to sign a legal contract instead of memorandum of understanding, which is what has been done in previous years. Contract seems standard, mentioned towns may want to have a lawyer review before signing
- Jackie gave update about Green Energy Alliance meeting attended on July 22
 - New heat pump rates to reduce electricity costs for homeowners with heat pumps takes effect on November 1
- A developer might be making a solar farm near Route 3 and Pinehurst Road
- Badhri and Sean (previous CEAS member) is working on a low impact development liaison group to help new construction get advice on green options available
- Chelmsford Choice
 - Prices for next year are cheaper than previous years, and default option is now the middle tier for those enrolled
 - All residents will be notified in the next few months to sign up
 - Are interested in getting data on how many people stay on Chelmsford Choice after this enrollment period
- Chelmsford Energy Policy / Action Plan
 - We generally discussed the language to try using less politically controversial terms without altering the meaning and intent of the plan. The proposed language is to use words and phrases directly applicable to residents and business owners as well as appropriateness to economic activities – phrases such as “energy resiliency, energy efficiency, increased economic activity around electrification, environmental impact reduction” and such.
- Next Meeting Sept 17th 2025

