

Swampscott Renewable Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes (Final)

Tuesday 28 March, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting Held on Zoom

Attendees:

Members of Committee: Ryan Hale, Jon Davids, David Zalanowski, Martha Schmitt, George Delegas, Diana Eddowes

Minute Taker: Martha Schmitt

1. The minutes from the REC meeting held on Jan 24, 2023 were reviewed and unanimously approved. Note that the Feb 28th meeting did not take place as scheduled due to a lack of quorum required to hold the meeting.
2. Committee vote on whether to appoint Martha Schmitt as Chair. Ryan made a motion to appoint Martha as Chair when his term ends. The motion was seconded by David and was unanimously approved.
3. The Committee review progress on "Resilient Swampscott" Climate Action Plan
 - a. Outbrief of Stakeholder Meeting #3. Martha walked through the slides that were presented to Stakeholders at the meeting. Prior to the meeting, KLA had sent out a survey to determine agreement and get any additional feedback on Goals/Strategies and Actions for each Focus Area. For the most part, respondents agreed with the actions and some additional changes were recommended.
 - b. The Committee reviewed the latest set of Goals/Strategies/Actions and indicated support for the Climate Action Plan with the understanding that these actions would be included with only minor changes. A vote was taken to provide endorsement during Town Meeting and was unanimously approved.
 - c. Upcoming briefings of the Climate Action Plan (called Resilient Swampscott) will be given to the Select Board on 4/3/23, followed by a Community meeting on 4/10/23.
4. A brief discussion was held concerning the Community First Grant and Revise Partnership. Swampscott received a donation of \$3500 from Revise based on the projects done in 2021-2022. The committee was asked to come up with some ideas on how Swampscott could best utilize the funding, preferably in support of a Renewable Energy or Climate Action activity.
5. Jon Davids spoke about preparations for the High School event on careers in Renewable Energy scheduled on April 24th. The event will take place from 10:15-11:15, and expect to reach 320 students. Six speakers will join the event.
6. Earth Day is planned for Saturday April 29th. REC will have a table. Julie Harris from Community Power will join to promote participation in the program.

7. A discussion was held about Community Power and the fact that Ryan, David and perhaps others were inadvertently dropped from the program. The concern is that this issue may affect others. Ryan will reach out to Marzie to see if Peregrine has any information on the extent of this problem. Possibly we can use the monthly newsletter and alert the community to check their National Grid electricity bill (page 2) for "Supply Services".
8. Updates have been made to the REC home web page and more recent accomplishments have been added. Additional updates are needed to the linked pages on the left hand side, since some of the information is out of date and some links are broken.
9. The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday April 25th.