

**Swampscott Energy Committee
Minutes**

Thursday 14 October 2021 at 7:00 PM

Attendees: Ryan Hale, David Zalanowski, John Graff, Nathan Young, Neal Duffy, Martha Schmitt, Gary Bearden, John Livermore, Diana Eddowes, Colleen Hitchcock, Marzie Galaska, Kurt James, Suzanne Hale, Nick Scibelli

Agenda

1. Approve minutes from previous REC meeting -- approved by voice vote
2. Discuss "Climate Action and Resilience Coalition" Concept
 - a. Hear experiences from Sustainable Marblehead and other community groups
 - i. Formed in 2017 after inspiration from learning from Sustainable Wellesley
 - ii. Warrant articles on net zero and Green Communities accepted in 2018. GHG baseline set in 2018. Framework for "carbon free by 2040" adopted by Select Board. Grants from MAPC facilitated public forums and complete studies to produce a vision and action plan to achieve this.
 - iii. The group prioritized having positive relationships with Town leaders and a collaborative approach. Took the approach of "forgiveness rather than permission" (e.g., GHG baseline).
 - iv. tagline: "preserving our past by protecting our future" appeals to many residents.
 - v. Organization was designed around action groups/committees (ground up)
 - vi. Public forums, grant process, etc., helped build support from Select Board and residents. "Launch Party" with movie screening to build initial interest.
 - b. Review recent GHG inventory data
 - i. Martha presented the baseline data. We will need to focus on residential and commercial buildings, and non-muni vehicles, to make the largest impact.
3. Other business
 - a. "EV First" procurement policy will be discussed at the upcoming Select Board meeting on 27 October
 - b. Revise home energy program: Marketing materials (banners, mailers, etc.) will be coming out in the next few weeks
 - c. EV Showcase day. Combine this with a Sustainability Fair, make it a larger event? Target the Saturday before Thanksgiving in November at High School. David and Diana to help coordinate.
 - d. Home energy webinar: Diana and Marzie to select a date.
 - e. Next meeting date: Wednesday 10th November

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