

## Swampscott Energy Committee Minutes

Wednesday 23 March, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Attendees: Ryan Hale, Max Kasper, David Zalanowski, John Graff, Martha Schmitt, Joe Roman, Jon Davids, Mary Wirth

### Agenda

1. Stretch code and other incentives for efficient residential construction/renovation
  - a. Key point is education: what are the available incentives for consumers to choose electric vs oil/gas. Can we do this “at the desk” with a pamphlet or similar so that we educate both the homeowner and the contractor? Or a link directly in the permitting software?
  - b. Steve Cummings - new Building Commissioner (from Salem) starts in Swampscott in April. Max will make introductions.
  - c. Timelines to issue and close permits are not flexible at the local level
  - d. Fee structure will provide some flexibility as an incentive - these are set by Select Board (gas, electric, and mechanical) as a road resurfacing rule. For example waiving mechanical permits for electric systems. Connection fees will require more research.
  - e. Focusing on retrofits will have a larger effect because of the relatively low volume of new constructions. Many of these homes will have smaller street service (e.g., <100A) which will increase project costs.
  - f. DOER webinars on electrification in April - REC members should attend.
  - g. Permitting database - Max can help provide contact details for homeowners and contractors who have completed recent projects, to help with education and awareness.
2. Approve minutes from previous REC meeting - approved by voice vote
3. “EV First” procurement policy - needs School Committee action - Ryan to follow up
4. Resolution to Adopt the Climate Action Plan as drafted by Neal Duffy and CARC - endorsed by REC by voice vote
5. Update on Revise partnership, including EV Showcase idea
  - a. Target timeline: 2nd or 3rd Sunday in June (12th – first farmer’s market). At the Monument near Town Hall.
  - b. Next step is for Joe & Dave to reach out to local dealers and residents to bring vehicles
  - c. Also invite heat pump and PV installers/distributors, MHD/Salem Cycle for e-bikes (Ryan).
  - d. Ryan to contact National Grid, past Solarize Plus vendors (NESHW, Boston Solar, heat pump vendors)
  - e. Actions for Ryan to follow up with Marzie: Confirm the date in context of the Town calendar, What do we need to do with the Town to register the event / close the street etc., contact National Grid about representation at the event
6. Other business
  - a. Engaging local property owners (e.g., Vinnin Sq) on EV Charging installation (Martha to ask Marzie about contacts)
  - b. Any other business
    - i. New elementary school will be 100% electric
    - ii. GHG baseline showed 3281 households in Swampscott, 61% heat with gas and 24% by oil
  - c. Next meeting date: target 13th April