



## CARLISLE ENERGY TASK FORCE

Town of Carlisle, Massachusetts, MA 01741  
 Carlisle is a 'Green Community' of Massachusetts

MINUTES OF MEETING: 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.00pm Town Hall

**Present:** Debbie Bentley, Bob Zogg, Helen Young, Jonathan DeKock, Glenn Reed joined at 8pm.

Bob Zogg called the meeting to order at 7.07pm.

Minutes for meeting was approved August 2019, November 2019, and December 2019 as amended unanimously.

### Current Business

	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	<p><b>Green Communities</b></p>	
A	<p><b>EV Charging Station</b>            The BoS declined the installation of the overhead wires over Church St at their meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December. Eversource could not provide assurance that they would be able to install the overhead wires in the timeframe for the 2020 Green Community Grant application.</p>	
B	<p>At 8am on Dec 20<sup>th</sup> the BoS held a special meeting for trenching the electrical supply under Church St. The Eversource provided a sketch plan for the trench. The BoS clarified that this trench will be at the exit of the school parking lot. This was approved with the assurance that Eversource would resurface the road correctly and the traffic flow will be managed.</p>	
C	<p>The complete plan will be presented to the next meeting of The School Committee on February 12<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
D	<p>Commonwealth Electric and Eversource will hold a site visit on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> at 9pm.</p>	
E	<p>The project will have to be completed by May 31<sup>st</sup> (the termination date of our GC contract) to be reimbursed through GC.</p>	
F	<p><b>- Quarterly report</b>            Debbie will update the report based on the latest update, Johnathan DeKock will review it, and it will be issued to Jon Metivier for submission to Green</p>	
G	<p>Communities.</p>	
	<p><b>- Annual report (for Carlisle use)</b>            It was agreed that we would concentrate on working with the school on long term energy reduction plan, in lieu of producing an internal annual report on Green</p>	
H	<p>Communities by department.</p>	



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		<p><b>- Implications/opportunities associated with current status</b>          Bob Zogg will inform the contractors that we will not be bidding in 2020 Green Communities Grant. He has informed the Municipal Facilities Committee of this situation.</p>	
2	A	<p><b>Municipal solar—Jonathan</b>          Dec 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> the test pits for the foundations were completed.</p>	
2	A	<p><b>Community Interface</b>          There will be a presentation and workshop by Bob Zogg and Debbie Bentley at—FRS Union Hall on 01/17, at 7pm.</p> <div data-bbox="358 785 1265 1459" data-label="Complex-Block"> </div> <p>The audience will be asked several questions regarding their opinion on a variety of possible town projects / incentives/ community programs. Debbie Bentley will issue these questions to the committee to comment on.</p> <p><b>Master plan interaction</b>          The Master Planning Steering committee have promoted the event.          The Garden Club have also promoted this through their Earth Day 2020 Campaign.</p>	
3	A	<p><b>Budget for events</b>  <i>Motion to authorize up to \$500 to spend on supplies and hosting materials for the Pathway to Zero Emission events. Helen Young proposed; Jonathan DeKock seconded. Passed unanimously.</i></p>	



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4		<b>Comments received on Goals Report.</b> Bob Zogg received the actual natural gas consumption data for the town from National Grid (2017 and 2018 data). Our revised analysis based on this data increases our community-wide carbon emissions by about 6%.	
5	A	<b>2019 Carlisle Annual Report (due 02/21)</b> DB to send a copy of 2017 report to see if anyone will volunteer to write a report that will cover the past two years. (We did not submit a report last year.)	
6	A	<b>Gas ban update—</b> Glenn Reed updated what he had learned from the webcast this evening on Cambridge's efforts to ban fossil fuel services to new buildings. They have been undertaking discussions with different committees and departments for the past 6 months. They are hoping to have passed regulations/ rules in February. Gas is already banned in new municipal buildings and gas supplies to new houses will be banned from 2022. There are some questions. Will these efforts pass legal muster? Will it need home rule petition. Will they allow cooking with gas. (Brookline said that cooking with gas was OK.) There was a reference to Rocky Mountain institute Report on electrifying houses. <a href="https://rmi.org/report-release-electrifying-buildings-for-decarbonization/">https://rmi.org/report-release-electrifying-buildings-for-decarbonization/</a>	
7	A	<b>Heat pumps update</b> The Heat Pump Committee is still meeting monthly. Their next events: Saturday February 29 <sup>th</sup> , in Concord and March 4, in Wayland.	
8	A	<b>Other proposals.</b> Bob Zogg suggested that the committee may like to consider if they wanted to engage in other activities, given that we are not applying for a GC grant this year. One option is offering community coaching for one or more energy-saving technologies similar to the assistance Claude Von Roesgen provided during the Carlisle Solar Challenge.	

Next Meeting **TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.** Meeting Adjourned. 9.10pm.