

**Location:** Virtual (via Zoom)

**Participants:**

- Members Present: Christina Christodoulopoulos (co-chair), Eric Balles (co-chair), Launa Zimmaro, Dave Boettcher, Glenn Reed, Sara Dunleavy, Eloisa Marquez-Gonzalez (joined five minutes late)
- Members Absent:
- Non-Members Present: Robert Egri of (80 Wildwood Dr.), John Petrie - Transfer Station Action Committee liaison, Aidan O’Connor (59 Maple St.), Barney Arnold - Select Board

**Summary of New Action Items:**

<i>Description</i>	<i>Resp.</i>
Confirm if ESC can present to the SB about the Specialized Energy Code	Christina C.
Prepare ideas for mini events and outreach for next meeting	All
Start to organize house tours for fully electrified homes	Dave B.
Send the goals for the ESC to new members	Christina C.
Coordinate with Library for low carbon cooking demo on induction cooktop	Launa Z.
Ideas for Specialized Code outreach	All
Work with HomeWorks to distribute letter	Dave B.

**1. Call to Order and Public Input**

- a. Christina Christodoulopoulos, co-chair, called the meeting to order at **7:04 pm**.
- b. No public input was offered at the beginning of the meeting. ~~Past~~ Liaisons and potential future members offered input during the meeting as described below.

**2. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval**

- a. Minutes for July 13th meeting are approved: Moved by Eric seconded by Launa
- b. Minutes for July 20th meeting are approved: Moved by Eric seconded by Dave, Eloisa abstained.
- c. Minutes for Aug 3rd meeting are approved: Moved by Sara seconded by Dave

**3. Committee Structure:**

- a. Treasurer vote: Sara and Glenn both are willing to be the Treasurer. Glenn is voted in unanimously.
- b. Reporting for Green Communities: Julie, town planner will take on the responsibility of the reporting
- c. Bob Zogg will help with Community Choice Aggregation outreach

#### 4. Category Updates

##### a. Built Environment:

- i. HomeWorks Energy letter will be published in the town newsletter and sent Town-wide by HomeWorks in the coming weeks. Went into the Town's newsletter, and if not, submit it for the upcoming newsletter. Dave also reported that the HomeWorks Energy mailing to Town residents will go out in the coming weeks.
- ii. Christina updated the committee on our ability to support a citizens petition, we are able.
- iii. Specialized Energy Code
  1. Christina suggests the Mosquito may wish to publish a FAQ for the Specialized Energy code.
  2. Dave suggests a Q&A format for the Mosquito, Christina was already planning that and has a list started
  3. Glenn asks if the committee can make a presentation at the SB meeting, Christina will check who can do the presentation
  4. Launa suggests DOERs FAQ as a great starting point
  5. Christina suggests the committee should "wholeheartedly support the adoption of the Specialized Energy Code pending the successful completion of the citizens petition". Moved by Eric, seconded by Launa. Unanimously approved.

##### b. Natural Environment:

- i. Christina suggests tapping into ARPA funds (~\$6000) for community outreach and education for the Town Hall showcase native garden  
Generally supported by the ESC.

##### c. Transportation:

- i. Glenn reached out to Ryan McLane ~~McLain~~ to start the conversation about the high rates for EV charging at the school. Rates are currently close to \$.65 per kWh. The rates are high because it is supposed to be "self-sufficient" but there are fixed costs that need to be covered by the charging so the fewer people charging the higher the rates might be climbing higher.
  1. Barney asks Glenn and Eric if they have talked to Bob Zogg. They have but he is as knowledgeable as Glenn and Eric.
  2. John Petrie (TSAC liaison) suggests that the parking needs during the school day are high and the parking restrictions are unenforceable.

Eric takes over as Chair, Christina dropped off at 7:43 due to technical difficulties

##### d. Outreach:

- i. Hanscom Airfield Expansion: Launa discussed the scope of the report needing to be submitted to the DOER with Simon Cataldo as a possible way to object to the expansion.

Christina rejoined at 7:46

- ii. Christina is looking for a “project manager” to ensure outreach initiatives are moved forward. Sara volunteered to take the lead.
- iii. Mini-event ideas include cooking demo at the library. Launa will coordinate with the library to set this up.
  - 1. Include brainstorming for mini-events in the next meeting
  - 2. Dave to organize house tours for fully electrified homes.
  - 3. Christina will send to the new members the goals for the committee.

**5. ESC Webpages Updates Prior to Migration to Town Website:**

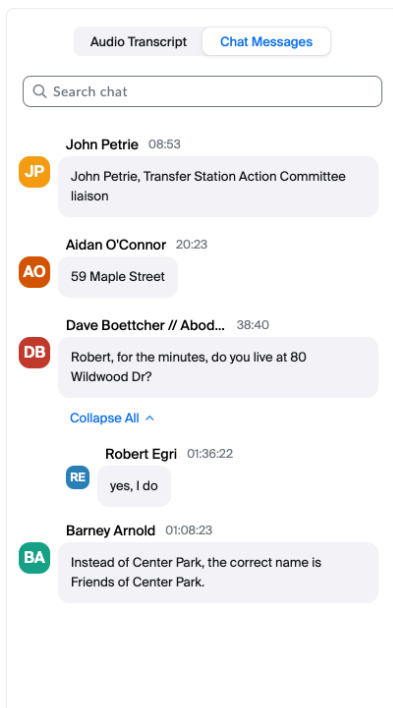
- a. Live editing as a group, ESC members (with Eric sharing his screen), went through a number of proposed updates to the following webpages:
  - i. Environmental Sustainability in the Garden
- b. Additional pages will be edited during subsequent meetings.

**6. Meeting Close**

- a. No New Business was introduced.
- b. Christina ran through various action items from the meeting (see table above).
- c. Eric moved to adjourn, Launa seconded, all agreed.
- d. Christina adjourned the meeting at **8:33pm**.

**Attachments:**

- The agenda prepared for the meeting appears on the following page.
- Chat from the Zoom meeting appears below.



Proposed Agenda for ESC meeting 17 Aug 2023

**Agenda**

1. Public Input
2. Minute Approval
3. Structure of Committee
  - Vote in Treasurer
  - Recruitment/Volunteer support system list
    - Possible interested new person
  - Transition of Sustainability Coordinator's responsibilities and information
    - Update on who will take over Green Communities reporting
    - Update on CCA outreach
4. Category updates
  - Built environment
    - HomeWorks letter update
  - Natural Environment
    - Draft Town Hall native garden proposal
  - Outreach
    - Hanscom Airfield expansion
    - What to include in September Town newsletter
    - Who will lead outreach/ESC quarterly news letter
    - Ideas for ESC mini-events (cooking demo with Library)
    - Website pages
  - Transportation
  - Schools
  - Governance
5. New Business
6. Adjourn (8:30 p.m.)

Minutes approved at 09/07/2023 ESC Meeting  
Minutes prepared by Dave Boettcher