

Approved Minutes
(VIRTUAL) MEETING OF THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE

Monday, February 24th 2025

7:00 pm

Remote Access

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/emt-fgzc-yhf>

Present:

Molly Cochran, chair
James Conlon
Laura Gunn, vice-chair
Aisha Oloyede-Edward
Janet Weinstein
Rachel Lazerus,

1. Welcome: Mr. Conlon made a motion to open the meeting, Ms. Oyolede-Edward seconded: meeting officially began at 7:02 PM by unanimous roll-call vote

Mr. Conlon made a motion to take agenda out of order, Ms. Lazerus seconded: committee moved on to item #3 by unanimous roll-call vote.

3. Waste Zero Representative Rachael Virgin: Ms. Virgin spoke about how Waste Zero can help the town by helping reduce the amount of waste the town produces via an opt-in or voluntary Pay Your Way program, which would allow the town to meet financial/sustainability goals while meeting residents where they are without massive sticker shock.

2. Review of minutes: Mr. Conlon made a motion to accept the minutes with edits from February 10th with edits, Dr. Gunn seconded: minutes approved by unanimous roll-call vote

4. Sharon Sustainability Coalition Community Conservations: Ms. Cochran attended the February 11th talk to local communities, and heard discussions about how to introduce composting/reusable dishes in the school. There is a Sustainability Director employee who

works for both Sharon/Norwood, we could look into seeing if that model may work for Canton or another neighboring town.

5. Solar promotion discussion and review of draft flyer: Ms. Stanley informed us that all public Town buildings are getting all of their electricity from renewable sources because of a memorandum of understanding with Brockton, and says the best way to get people to sign up for solar power is through encouraging people to sign up for the community aggregation program and choose the renewable option: <https://colonialpowergroup.com/stoughton/>

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center is another great option: <https://www.masscec.com/> for ways to replace appliances.

Committee approved of Ms. Cochran's solar promotion flyer.

6. Other business that cannot be anticipated: There will be a climate lobby training at the Stoughton Public Library on March 22nd from 10:30-12 and a film afternoon with the Sharon Sustainability Coalition on March 15th from 1-4.

7. Public Comment (name/precinct) – n/a

Ms. Weinstein made a motion to end the meeting, Dr. Gunn seconded, meeting adjourned by unanimous roll-call vote at 8:13.

Next meeting March 17th at 7:00

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