

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Attendance: Bill Cleary, Marilyn Miller, Craig Saunders, Richard Toole, Simon Shapiro, Peter Meleney

Guest: Mike Reed

Absent: Dion Alley

Topic 1: Call Meeting to Order

Bill called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm

Topic 2: Approve C&E Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2022

Bill asked if there were any changes to the 12/13/22 minutes. None were brought up so the Committee members voted to accept the minutes as drafted.

Topic 3: Energy Committee Goals/Objectives for 2033 – Discussion

- A. **Public Outreach:** Peter outlined the work that he is doing with Marilyn for public outreach sessions at the OB Library. The first one is scheduled for March 16th and will be a discussion with interested residents about climate change. The library staff are preparing a book display about climate change and are asking library patrons to fill out a climate change questionnaire Peter prepared with the help of Marilyn, Liz Durkee, Kate Warner, ICAN and library staff. Marilyn and Peter are also working on some follow-up with the respondents to the ICAN energy questionnaire sent out about a year and a half ago. Peter, with advice from Bill and Marilyn, is also working with Tony Lima of the OB Parks Committee and Susan Wallo of the Friends of OB on a possible memorial tree planting program to help counter climate change.
- B. **Solar Farm at Landfill:** Bill reported that due to the Eversource grid problems this project will be delayed further and, with Deb Potter's direction, the committee, with Mike Reed's assistance, is investigating the possibility of gaining a new contract with the potential of adding a Microgrid.
- C. **Building Audits/Resiliency:** Bill reported that he is working Craig and Marilyn to come up with the final list.
- D. **OB School Heating System/Generator:** Bill reported that an engineer has been selected and the bidding process has been requested with an all-electric option to be costed out as part of the bidding process.

Topic 4: Next Steps – Select board Presentation

Bill reported that, at Dion's suggestion, he meet with the Select Board on the following topics:

- A. Green Community dollars – how the money will be spent after entering the 20% increase in costs.
- B. Our Goals/Objectives for 2023 (see the above)
- C. Status of Five-Year energy Plan – being prepared by Dion and Mike; waiting for the report from the town consultant reviewing all the buildings.
- D. Formation of new climate working group
- E. Suggest quarterly meetings with all Dept./committee heads for improved communications.

Topic 5: Member Updates

- Si reported that there is a study going on about the locations of EV stations
- Richard reported there is a bigger effort on composting being proposed along with takeout containers. Si suggested looking at what Milwaukie did years ago

Topic 6: Next C&E Meeting

Bill suggested that the Committee meet every two months and that the next meeting be scheduled for March 21, 2023 via Zoom. The committee members agreed. Topics suggested were:

- CAP Report
- Ben Robinson Study
- Shelter concerns (by Marilyn)

Topic 8: Motion to Adjourn

Bill asked for a motion to adjourn. It was so moved and seconded by the Committee members at 3:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Peter L. Meleney