

STOUGHTON ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
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MEETING MINUTES
August 2, 2023

The Stoughton Energy and Sustainability Committee ("the Committee, or "ESC") held a meeting at the Library on August 2, 2023 commencing at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Nathan Cleveland, Chair, Dave Billo, Vice-Chair, and members Arthur Rigor da Eva, Molly Cochran, and Tony Phillips. The Committee approved the meeting minutes for June 21, 2023, as amended.

Dave reported that the Town has created a budget line item and account for the Committee, and the Town has accepted the check from Abington Bank (which made a donation in connection with the education event at the Library in April). The Committee discussed reimbursements to Dave and Molly with respect to food and coffee purchases and the honorariums paid to Tem Blessed and to MassAudubon. It was agreed that individuals would provide a summary of their receipts for the expenditures for the event and that the Committee would vote formally to approve reimbursements.

The Committee then discussed possible amendments to the meeting date. A motion was made and carried to move the meeting date from Wednesdays to Thursdays, but not to amend the by-laws in this regard.

The Committee then reviewed its mission statement. The Committee agreed to strike the language in item one of the statement -- "meet energy reduction goals required by federal and state policies," and replace it with the phrase "reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

The Committee then turned to the bylaws and the question of officers. Currently the bylaws indicate that the Committee has a chair, vice chair, and a secretary. The question was raised whether the Committee should add a treasurer, and whether that needed to be a different individual than someone who held the other officer positions.

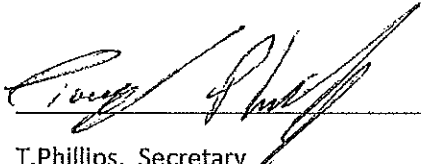
Nathan moved to amend section 5 of the bylaws to add the treasurer position, whose role would be to keep financial records for the Committee and oversee income and disbursements, with the understanding that the treasurer position could be filled by a person holding another officer position. The motion carried.

Dave moved to amend the bylaws to provide that the secretary would preside over the Committee meeting if the chair and vice chair were not in attendance. The motion carried.

The Committee then discussed the activities of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) Committee. Molly reported that the Committee had met twice. Molly asked about obtaining for the CAP Committee a list of policies that the ESC had had the Town adopt, which Nathan will provide. Molly raised the issue of updating the greenhouse gas inventory that the ESC had undertaken several years ago, and Nathan indicated that the ESC would undertake the inventory again and share the information with the CAP Committee.

Some discussion followed regarding the availability of grant funding for the CAP Committee's work. The meeting adjourned around 8:45.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 17th.



T. Phillips, Secretary

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