

## **Natick Sustainability Committee Meeting**

July 14, 2020

Meeting Minutes

### *In Attendance:*

- Members: Leo Ryan, Carey Buttfeld, David Mogolov, Devon Long-Lytle, Alfredo Vargas, Rachel Serotta, Nick Pandolfo
- Staff: Jillian Wilson-Martin
- Guests: Sam Gifford

**Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM (motion by Leo, seconded by David), adjourned at 9:11 PM (motion by Leo, seconded by David)**

### **Meeting Minutes**

June meeting minutes approved motion made by Leo, seconded by Alfredo

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0

**Public Speak:** No requests. No direct updates to the committee from previous speakers.

### **Net Zero - Clean energy and zoning:**

- Jillian has spoken with a variety of town staff to propose pursuing a 1-3 year plan that's focused on setting the stage for long-term changes with near-term focus on enabler work and consensus building
- Thursday, there's a conversation planned with the Transportation Committee. Jillian and Alfredo will attend.
- New timeline for conversation focuses on virtual events around plan, draft in the fall with focus groups in the spring.
- Reviewed draft strategies from MAPC on improving the clean energy supply & zoning/permitting regulations. On clean energy, the only one we anticipate extensive conversation around is the aggregation targeting. Many others are places we're doing well, generate revenue, or can take advantage of state funding. Within the permitting rules, there's opportunity around attaching efficiency requirements to special permits from the Planning Board, new roof construction, and transit-oriented development
- In prioritizing strategies, we want to find the relevant board that can move things into policy and come to them with what's possible

### **HeatSmart:**

- Sam as the HeatSmart coach for Natick has been meeting with other coaches from other communities, and has heard that the program may go away, in part because of CEC could tweak their programs to better suit their long-term goals and the behavior observed from participating communities

- MassCEC meeting is next week, so we'll get clarity on what program these same goals will be pursued under and how the incentives will be restructured (perhaps a program called Empower)
- We will be looking for volunteers to help with the HeatSmart campaign
- May be time to pursue applications, surveying, and awareness campaigns. A survey can go into Jillian's August email, with a parallel survey going out in Wayland
- Sam will update us next month

**Aggregation:**

- Discussion of proposing to Select Board path to 100% renewable sourcing.
- Data based on performance to date suggests that price is not a significant factor.
- Other communities are pursuing more aggressive goals already.
- Renewable Natick plans to pursue this as one of their organizational priorities.
- Leo is going to reach out to the Select Board to discuss.

**Committee openings:**

- There are two positions opening. Leo's and Devon's. Both intend to stay on and will pursue that through Select Board and Superintendent.
- Formal spots for Sasha and Nick will be pursued in conversation with Leo.

**Next meeting date:**

Tuesday, August 4 at 7:30pm