

## CEC Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2023, 6-7:30PM

### Attendees:

Alice Horowitz	Stuart Sessions	Chris Files
Dan Clohossey	Joy White	
Sally Kelly	George Schu	
Lisa Potetz	Sheila Blum	

### Minutes

- Last month's meeting minutes were approved.
- Forecast Tip: Dan write a Tip about our website & resources available, perhaps with an electrification focus
- Key topics discussed:
  - Priorities: We had a roundtable discussion about priorities for the rest of the fiscal year. Here is a summary of the comments collected during the discussion (parens are those who spoke in support):
    - 12 month ban on gas-powered leaf blowers (Chris, George, Stuart); petition via Town Council. Reinforce why we're doing – noise, workers, pollution; get it through Council via ordinance; neighboring communities have done it; blowers not to be used for gutter cleaning!
    - Rosemary Garden (Chris, Sheila, Lisa)
    - Composting (Chris)
    - Green Fair (Chris) – EVs? Renewable energy?
    - Run off issues/SWM (George, Stuart); area with potential for problems among neighbors
    - Innovations in Energy Efficiency (Stuart); energy offsets, heat pumps
    - Event with Community Relations committee and invite HVAC providers for people who want to switch (Sally)
    - Native Plants/Beautification/Plant Exchange (Stuart, Lisa)
    - Promoting Community Solar and Rooftop Solar (Sheila); Neighborhood Sun; photovoltaic roofs in parking lot
    - Environmental Landscaping (Sheila, Sally, Lisa); ridding invasive species; using leaves for compost; natives; tie-in to Lee Dennison Garden? Series at LDG? Educations, hands-on for kids? Sept LDG launch?
    - Website – promote more as a resource? (Sheila, Chris); Town reworking website (send links to Dan's primers to CEC)
    - Banning riding lawn mowers? (Sheila)
    - Is SWM for CEC? Or Land Use just handle (Sheila)
    - (Alice) MoCo – new bldgs. All-Elec in 2026; then 3 years later existing; have County & Council – all-electric buildings – solar tile roofs
    - Forecast (Sally) – ask Todd if works to do some months but not other months?; ask Town for ideas for tips; publicizing what's on website? – greening our town advertising

- Transition Planning –There was a brief discussion about various ways to organize things for going forward and for the balance of FY23. There was a consensus that every other month meetings with sub-teams operating independently would be the way to go. So, for example, Rosemary Garden team would continue its work as an independent team and report in as needed to the full CEC either via email or via the bi-monthly meeting. It was agreed that there would be 2 other sub-teams formed, 1 for Gas-Powered Leaf Blower work (lead by Chris Files) and 1 for “Electrication” efforts (lead by Alice Horowitz). Dan will send Alice some info to use for that team, including some County contacts. It wasn’t discussed but Stormwater Management can perhaps continue its efforts as well – Stuart makes sense to lead that effort. Specific focuses:
  - Rosemary Garden – proceed through sub-committee
  - Quiet Landscaping – Chris lead, Sheila, George, input from Simma
  - Renewable Energy & Solar & Electrification – Alice; link with Community Relations; ask for volunteers using Weekly Updates; Quyen Tran & Tandra Leonard; Dan send Alice County contacts
  - Leadership – Stuart would be willing to help with rotating leadership
  - Bi-Monthly Meetings with rotating facilitator? Mar/May/Jul – Stuart in March; Chris would do one too
  - Dan took action to document administrative needs and send to Joy to agree how things will be handled