



City of Nashua

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Environment & Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 20th 2022, 6:00pm

IN PERSON City Hall Room 208

1. Adoption of September meeting minutes
 - Arden moved to accept the meeting minutes. Scott Seconded. All were in favor
2. Climate Goals and Recommendations
 - Majority of meeting spent discussing the original recommendations approved by the Board of Aldermen and the new list of potential recommendations and how to present them. See new potential recommendations as Attachment 1. Also attached are the original recommendations approved by the Board of Aldermen.
 - The committee assigned each new potential recommendation to one of the existing groups of the original recommendations. Sylvie will work to organize the new list.
3. Make It Labs appliance recycling
 - Deb presented the idea from a discussion with a Make It Labs member in hopes to collaborate for Earth Day.
4. Earth Day Event Planning
 - Need to get started now with planning (see Item 3 above)
5. Weatherize Campaign discussion
 - This item was not discussed
6. Doria- Energy Manager Updates
 - This item was not discussed as Doria was not present
7. Other Business - none
8. Review Next Steps
 - Sylvie will reduce/reorganize the list of potential recommendations based on the discussion (see item 2 above) and provide at next meeting.

Scott Perkins moved to adjourn Deb Seconded the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Meeting notes by Deb Chisholm

Attachment A:

Potential Recommendations Organized Buckets:

- Public Safety
 - Sidewalks/ walkability
 - Lighting
 - Energy efficient and Dark Skies Compliant
 - Improving safety
- Community Outreach
 - Provide BOA with instructions for implementation of recommendations
 - Example: quarterly updates
 - Reaching out to our students to discuss goals and how they can assist
 - Provide information on programs we already have
 - Disseminate information regarding the economics of solarization of city buildings, especially to School Board
 - Create a Nashua youth environmental education and conservation council as an adjunct to EEC
 - Provide information on opportunities to develop a “virtual” renewable energy portfolio for homes and businesses that are not solar ready.
 - Community Solar
 - Renewable Energy Programs
 - Yard maintenance
 - Share info about the Nashua shade tree program.
 - Sustainable landscaping practices
 - Even/odd day water maintenance
 - Educating on how inflation management can be a sustainable practice.
 - Home gardening
 - Grocery shopping tips
 - Community “share” programs
- Transportation
 - Incentivize use of city buses
 - Add more city charging stations incrementally
 - Improve city walkability/ no car travel
 - Bike lanes
 - Sidewalks
 - Bike racks in preferable locations then parking spaces
 - Incentivize use of city buses
 - Provide more corridor connections to improve city walkability
 - Create and ordinance that requires CERF vehicle purchases to be fully electric and if that is not an option have a fuel efficiency of (X%).
 - Advocate for the Commuter Rail

- Energy Efficiency
 - More energy auditing
 - Research heat pumps for city buildings
 - More weatherization for city buildings
- Renewable and New Tech
 - Offer incentives for businesses to provide charging stations
 - Offer incentives for business and residents to add solar to
 - Facilitate public private partnerships to promote solar
 - Solarize Campaign
 - Add more city charging stations incrementally
 - Community Power Program
 - Disincentive new gas hook-ups in the city and promote renewable energy
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- Green Infrastructure
 - Improve city walkability/ no car travel
 - Bike lanes
 - Sidewalks
 - Bike racks in preferable locations then parking spaces
 - Incentivize use of city buses
 - Provide more corridor connections to improve city walkability
 - Grant public land space for more renewable energy
 - Gilson Road
 - Ensure that new city building construction be sustainable and powered by fossil fuel free sources
 - Increasing City Community Garden Space
 - Composting
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