

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Energy Committee

Carlton Hunt – Chair
Thomas Carson
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Academy Building - 66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Agenda for the Meeting Convening on August 22, at 7:00 PM

Disclosure: Pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, this meeting of the Energy Committee for the Town of Bridgewater will be fully remote and accessible to the public through remote participation to the greatest extent possible. There will be no in person attendance permitted. Citizens who wish to tune in to the meeting may do so via Zoom or Facebook Live.

Link to join meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85312550316>

Call In: 1-646-876-9923

Meeting ID: 853 125 503 16

A. Call to Order at 7:00 PM

B. Committee Organization

- a. Elect Chair, Vice Chair, Recording Secretary
- b. Review of Administrative Code Charge
- c. Review of Open Meeting Law Requirements
- d. Rules of Committee Engagement – Roberts Rules of Order

C. Brief History of Energy Committee and Accomplishments – Carlton Hunt

- a. Green Communities History, Successes, and Monitoring Cost Reductions
- b. Municipal Alternative Energy Source and Avoided Costs
- c. Energy Credit Explanation – Town Manager

D. Announcements

- a. From Lisa Sullivan, Green Communities Southeast Region Coordinator: "Columbia Gas is no longer operational in Massachusetts and their service territory is now being handled by Eversource. MEI administrators are currently working with Eversource on transitioning account information so that historical usage data remains and accounts continue to update going forward."

E. Discussion Topics

- a. **Energy Committee Goals – Town Manager**
- b. **Admin Code Requirement 4: Adopt a zero-emission-first vehicle acquisition policy –**
Communities must adopt a policy that establishes a hierarchy of vehicles to consider when replacing or adding fleet vehicles, with zero-emission/electric vehicles being considered first.
- c. **Electric firefighting trucks**
<https://www.piercemfg.com/electric-fire-trucks/pierce-volterra>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3AafguE0KZk>
- d. **Accelerating Clean Transportation School Bus ("ACT School Bus") Recommendation to School Committee?**

- e. Solsmart Designation**
- f. Green Community Opportunities**
 - i. Fall Competitive application
 - ii. Town House Reuse Audit and Energy Upgrade
 - iii. Academy Building Energy Audit and HVAC Training
- g. Golf Course**
 - i. Energy Tracking – Town or Management company cost
 - ii. Wind Energy Project – CDH/Town Manager
- h. Community Climate Action/Sustainability Plan**
- i. Potential Alternative Energy Installations on Town Property**
 - i. Energy Assessment of Bridgewater
- j. Alternative Solar Installations on Town Owned Property**
 - i. Golf Course Parking Lot
 - ii. East Street
 - iii. Chaffe Farm
 - iv. Police Station Parking Lot
- k. Zoning**
 - i. Lithium Storage Batteries – Regulations/research
 - ii. Tree Cutting Ordinance – Combating Climate Change
 - iii. Potential Wind Energy Ordinance

F. Next Meeting Date

G. Adjourn

Administrative Code

Section 13. Energy Committee

A. Term of office. There shall be an Energy Committee consisting of three members.

B. Authorities and responsibilities. The Energy Committee is **charged with advising town officials on energy conservation efforts throughout the Town's physical plant**, including but not limited to all municipal and school buildings, streetlights, vehicles, and equipment. The Committee may recommend methods to monitor and manage energy costs.

The Committee shall:

(1) Advise concerning applications for grants from federal and state sources, including the Massachusetts Green Communities Program.

(2) Recommend changes to Town ordinances to promote energy conservation and renewable energy use.

The Energy Committee is an advisory committee to the Town.



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Announcing MassCEC's ACT School Bus Program

Massachusetts Clean Energy Center

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) recently released a [Notice of Intent](#) for a new Program, *Accelerating Clean Transportation School Bus* ("ACT School Bus"). MassCEC intends for this program to support electric school bus deployment and complement the **Environmental Protection Agency's** [Clean School Bus Program](#). MassCEC is here to help discuss your options for school bus electrification whether you own, lease, or contract with a third-party fleet. Schedule a time to meet [here!](#)

The first round of applications for EPA's Clean School Bus rebate program are **open now through August 19th!** School districts and other eligible applicants can receive up to **\$375,000** in funding per bus based on [prioritization](#). School districts that work with a third-party school bus company are encouraged to partner with their providers and take advantage of this funding opportunity. For more information on the EPA rebates and timeline, please visit EPA's [website](#) to access webinars and FAQ.

Additionally, MassCEC's ACT School Bus will offer flexible funding for deployment projects and technical assistance for electrification planning. Eligibility and prioritization will be aligned with EPA's program. MassCEC will be opening the funding opportunity for school bus fleets in late summer 2022, after EPA applications are due. For additional information, please visit our [website](#), sign up for our [office hours](#), or email our team at [CleanTransportation@masscec.com!](mailto:CleanTransportation@masscec.com)

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