

## **Dedham Sustainability Advisory Committee**

### Minutes of Meeting

April 10, 2023

Attending from the Committee were Leigh Hafrey, Deb Harrison, David Ward, Emily Walton, Chuck Kabat and Michael De Winter; from the Town of Dedham, Assistant Conservation Agent Patrick Hogan and DPW Director Joe Flanagan.

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The virtual meeting started at 7:00 PM with Dedham resident Adam Chapdelaine joining as guest. Topics included:

1. Resident Adam Chapdelaine offered a conversation around the net-zero stretch code and showed very helpful slides originally created for residents of Arlington, MA. Goals of code are to reduce GHG emissions by 50% in 2030, 75% in 2040 and -0- net GHG emissions by 2050.

Slide topics included:

- a. Pre-Wiring
- b. Solar PV
- c. Exemplary Performance for Large Homes
- d. Exemplary Performance for Large Multi-Family Homes
- e. Jump on Lower HERS Ratings

Conversation went into greater detail on passive homes and benefits to building multi-family homes in this format.

Dedham is a currently stretch code community but not the opt-in specialized code being discussed by Adam and happening in Arlington.

Dedham Planning Board Member Jess Porter joined and asked questions.

Hopeful next step would be for SAC to support Adam in presenting this idea to the Select Board, then that Board moves the idea forward.

SAC and Adam hope to draw a very specific connection to our Climate Action Plan (CAP)—Adam will review CAP again and try to connect it to a specific element of his presentation.

2. Dedham Square Improvement Plan/Town Green Working Group – Deb’s innovative approach to connecting the CAP to TGWG through a targeted alignment of Plan elements to their potential design, is nearly ready to share with Mike Butler. Chuck and Leigh to offer edits and Deb will share with Mike.
3. Recycle Day – The Committee and Joe Flanagan discussed the pending May 6 town recycling event at the Middle School. Joe said that volunteers from the Committee would be welcome (Committee will organize and provide names) and that tree saplings will be given out to residents. Committee members volunteered to research and label the saplings.
4. School Building Rehabilitation – Emily expressed a point of view that the School Building Rehabilitation Committee (SBRC) may not be aware of our Committee’s willingness to collaborate on their plans and proposals. Our Committee stands ready to assist—and that message was delivered through a communication from Emily to the SBRC. SAC is hopeful the SBRC will receive this message with gratitude and acceptance.
5. David next wished to discuss the idea of creating templated presentation decks for Committee members to have at the ready when presenting to other boards and committees, or even at public forums. This idea was well received by our full Committee. Presentation deck topics were shelved for further consideration.

The Committee and Patrick agreed to May 10 as its next meeting and Chuck Kabat will chair. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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