

Energy Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, December 26, 2023  
Town Office or on Zoom @ 4:30 pm

Attendance: Nancy Chandler, Yvette Meunier, Skye Siladi, Victor Langelo, John Berry, Nick Whatley

Absent: Victoria Boundy, Jared Wildwistle

Guests: Meg Rasmussen, MCOG

### Agenda

Invitation for Public Comment

- None

Approval of [11-28-23 meeting minutes](#)

- 1st JB & 2nd VL, AIF

Update on electric school buses

- Nancy and Yvette presented information at public comment at the last School Board meeting in November in support of the EPA Clean School Bus grant.

Review Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Action Planning RFP proposals and draft recommendation

- Overall scores from reviews of 5/7 members indicated FB Environmental as the clearer winner, with Siler second, and Kleinfelder and Wright-Pierce nearly tied in the last place.
- Meg also voted in alignment with the group.
- Jared did not provide input on the proposals.
- There was an interest in having more work done on the natural environment assessment.
- WP was very strong on engineering projects and would be great to work with for a specific project.
- Discussion on public engagement desires was important in people's decisions.
- WP was strong on knowing what the vulnerabilities are and has already identified what the town needs to be planning for.
- Wanted to see more discussion on the impact on homeowners, electricity outages, civic localities, and resource impacts.
- Siler stated they already had much of the data and could do more on the engagement side. Positives in their application include their expertise and capturing our desire to focus on public engagement.

- FB has lots of local projects, has worked locally, great team of employees we know. Likes ecological expertise, CAP experience, and strong community engagement.
- An interest from several members to interview FB and Siler was discussed.
- Power issues may not be covered much by any of these firms given time.
- Siler was multiple firms, vague on their resources, and who is doing which part of the work. How does their partnership work, have they worked together before?
- Consideration about virtual representation from firms that are not as local as FB.
- FB: Need to ask what is a workshop?
- Consensus to interview FB and decide if we need to further interview a second firm, which would be Siler.
- The process moving forward is that Sky will bring our recommendations to the staff and they will choose who they will choose to interview in January. EC will be notified who is being interviewed and invited to come and/or offer questions. EC to give their recommendation to the SB in the first February meeting.
- Meg will create a document for us to capture our questions on FB's proposals which the EC will add to before the interviews are scheduled.

#### Discussion and approval of the Survey

- Looking into whether this will be issued as a Survey Monkey, Google Form, or Microsoft Form? Survey Monkey would be best.
- The group made some fine-tuning of the questions as a group. Sky will follow up with Victor and Yvette to complete the formatting.

#### Review Climate Action Logo

- Logo Sky made was accepted by the committee. Interest in having a bike on it was mentioned but the seal is so small to not have too many details.

#### 2nd Invitation for Public Comment

- None
- 1st VL, 2nd NW, AIF 6:15 PM adjourned

#### Next meeting:

- Draft up a recommendation for the Selectboard on the proposals
- Public Outreach Plan next steps

#### Reference items:

[community engagement plan.](#)

[outreach contact list](#)

[Community Resilience Partnership CAP grant application](#)

[Current Climate Action Plan](#)