

Essex Energy Committee – Minutes of August 14, 2024

ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Draft Minutes from 07/16/2024

The committee reviewed and approved the draft minutes from the July 16 meeting. The action items from the previous meeting were discussed, with some completed and others still in progress.

B. Vacancies

Will provided an update that there have been no candidates coming forward.

C. Reappointments

Will reported on Dottie's reappointment to the Committee.

SUBSTANTIVE

1. CVF Update

Will presented proposed changes to the committee's charter to transition from a committee to a commission, including renaming it the "Energy and Climate Commission." The group discussed the rationale and benefits of becoming a commission, as well as the process for getting feedback from the town's charter committee.

2. Charter Meeting

Will discussed ongoing correspondence with the Charter Committee to attempt to have the Committee's charter changed to a Commission, and with a new focus on climate change.

3. Revised Zoning Regulation

The item was postponed pending a re-circulation of a single volume of changes.

4. Solar RFP Proposal for Unsworth Parcel (Will & Geetha)

The item was postponed based on the fact that the group is concentrating on the CVF event.

5. New Municipal Complex – [Stakeholder Events](#)

The group reviewed participation by committee members at recent meetings to discuss potential features of the project related to energy efficiency and climate-forward elements, with the idea of continuing to participate as the stakeholder process moves forward.

6. Essex Explore!

The group agreed to host an information table at the upcoming Essex Explore! Meeting scheduled for September 21.

7. Other Business

The next meeting was scheduled for August 21.