

**TOWN OF NORFOLK
ENERGY COMMITTEE
One Liberty Lane
Norfolk, MA 02056**

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, July 16, 2017 Town Hall Meeting Room

Energy Committee Members Attending

Chairman:	Andy Bakinowski
Vice Chairman:	Lawrence Sullivan
Clerk:	James L. Wilkinson
Member:	Emory Schweigoffer

Not Present

Selectperson Representative	Scott Bugsby
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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

New Business

Discussion regarding Achieving Green Community Designation for Norfolk.

Mr. Sullivan submitted the attached "Norfolk Energy Committee Objective: Achieving Green Community Designation for Norfolk".

Mr. Sullivan noted that, as of June 7, 2017, 203 Massachusetts Communities have adopted the Stretch Code and, as of January of 2017, 185 Massachusetts Communities achieved Green Community designation. He noted there are many accounts on the Internet of successful energy projects that were put in place as a result of funds received by Green Communities from the Commonwealth.

Mr. Schweigoffer noted that we need to tell the story of why Norfolk should adopt the Stretch Code and achieve Green Community designation in terms of who wins and who loses. It should not be about climate change, but about common sense. Adopting the Stretch Code and obtaining Green Community designation will not impact anyone and the town will receive money from the Commonwealth as a result. The dots need to be connected. The argument needs to be presented in a manner that does not contain detailed technical information and is designed for consumers.

Mr. Bakinowski noted that a point can be made by emphasizing the amount of money the Town of Norfolk had already lost by not achieving Green Community designation. Furthermore, a

successful presentation of the argument in favor of adopting the Stretch Code will need to be prepared to counter bad information and disinformation that might be disseminated by persons with special interests.

Discussion of the Warrant Article and Town Meeting

The timing of the presentation of the Warrant Article at Town Meeting was discussed. It is currently unclear if there will be a Fall 2017 Town Meeting, and the Warrant Article will likely need to be taken up at the Spring 2018 Town Meeting. A placeholder for the Warrant Article will need to be established by January of 2018.

Mr. Wilkinson will obtain and review the prior Warrant Article regarding adoption of the Stretch Code and prepare the new Warrant Article.

Charge for Energy Committee

It does not appear that there was ever a Charge for the Energy Committee that was issued by the Norfolk Board of Selectmen. The Energy Committee will propose a Charge to the Board of Selectmen and seek approval. The Committee members agreed to propose suggestions for the Charge via email.

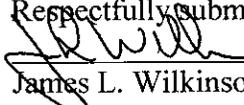
Next Meetings & Schedule

The next Committee meeting will be on August 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



James L. Wilkinson, Clerk