

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE (CAC)  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE, TIME, PLACE:**

Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 7:00 PM, at the Fairfax Women's Club

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Chair Timms called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

- CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jody Timms (Chair), Joe Hewlings (Vice Chair), Sheryl Shakeshaft, Patrick Costello, Liz Gottlieb, Bruce Ackerman (Council Liaison, Acting Secretary)
- CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: none
- STAFF: Sean Youra, Climate Action Coordinator
- GUESTS: Neil Kraus, Greg Smith

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

- Was read by Vice-Chair Hewlings

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

- Motion to approve the agenda and affidavit of posting. AYES all.

**OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

- No public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 2023 REGULAR MEETING**

- Motion to approve; AYES All

**STAFF UPDATE-SEAN YOURA, CLIMATE ACTION COORDINATOR**

- The current draft of the Fleet ZEV Policy was reviewed; language had been added on comparing lifecycle costs. Will go to Council in November.
- Renewable diesel is promising: comparable in price, good on engine life. Hydrogen in the policy but not yet realistically available.
- M/S Joe/Sheryl to support the policy, Ayes all.
- Another meeting was held on the county Building Electrification Plan. The Alameda building electrification plan was reviewed, and it was agreed that education and funding were priorities. Next workshop will be 11/14, and it is hoped that a Draft Plan will be available in December or January.
- The Fairfax and San Anselmo ordinances to require all-electric new construction are currently on pause awaiting the outcome of the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit ruling against Berkeley.

REACH codes still in effect. New York is also being sued regarding ban on gas stoves and heaters.

- Zero Waste funding and SB1383 grant funding both could be tapped into. ZeroWaste Marin might apply for everyone.
- The GHG Inventory is available for 2021. Community emissions are down 26% since 2005. Fairfax is on track to reach the State goal by 2030. Water and waste are down, electricity is very clean. But gas and gasoline are the hard ones to move; San Anselmo's VMT is down but Fairfax's is up, though the data might be inaccurate due to the pandemic. CAC members asked what the Town's Municipal GHG emissions are, which was supposed to be updated every 5 years.

### **TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE**

- Bruce reported that the ban of expansion/new gas stations had its first reading in October and will have second in November.
- A public comment letter (to Council) was circulated and discussed.
- Installation of three EV chargers will need to be approved by Council.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

- Jody asks staff to look at the town's EV goals by 2030.
- Rotation of CAC officers should be considered soon by the committee.
- The Emergency Preparedness Committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. Jody encouraged CAC to connect with this and other Town committees.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES**

- Sheryl reported that a student from the Sea-Disc program at AWHs will attend a future meeting. Bruce suggested that she could revive and expand the Fairfax Meter.
- Library events tentatively scheduled 2/15 and 5/15.
- The Marin Green Home Tour is being publicized – will be October 26.
- The cooking demo from the East Bay Green Home Tour is not yet on-line.

### **TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES**

- Items on the Agenda were reported on.

### **BUILT ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVES**

- The induction cooktop loaner program is continuing, but currently no active subscribers.

### **SEQUESTRATION INITIATIVES**

- The items on the agenda were reported on.
- Jody mentioned the County's new Environmental Grant Program (\$800k).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- The next meeting will be November 7. December date might be changed as well. The January meeting could be skipped due to the Retreat, which date must be set.
- Other announcements per the Agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Timms adjourned the meeting at 9:06pm.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** by Bruce Ackerman, Acting Secretary.