

Agenda:

1. Selection of leadership (chair)
2. Selection of vice chair and secretary
3. Decide on rules of procedure (parliamentary or simple consensus)
4. Set future meeting dates
5. Public comment
6. Broad discussion of the task force's charge and methods and goals
7. Adjourn

Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86803383450>

Article 36: In March 2019, the Town of Norwich advise all Town Officials to “take immediate and sustained efforts to gradually and continually reduce the Town’s direct use of fossil fuels, beginning at a rate of no less than 5% per year starting in the 2019-20 and continuing until they are eliminated entirely.” This task force will begin the development of an aggressive and comprehensive work plan to achieve the elimination of direct fossil fuels in the Town of Norwich.

Minutes

Members Attending: Rob Gere; Jack Cushman; Ernie Ciccotelli; Eva Rosenbloom; Aaron Lamperti

Public: Linda Cook

Rob started the meeting by delivering an act 92 open meeting law compliance statement. He then called for selection of a chair, vice chair and secretary as well as a decision on meeting process.

Jack Cushman was selected as Chair by general consensus.

Aaron Lamperti was selected as Vice chair.

There was a general discussion of consensus decision making which was then adopted by consensus.

Aaron volunteered to take minutes.

Rob pointed out that the 4th Thursdays at 7:00 was an available time for a standing meeting. Agreement to proceed with this time and adjust as schedules require.

Public comment: Linda Cook wished the committee good luck.

Discussion of methods and scope for the task force:

Jack - Basic task is to generate an ambitious plan to eliminate fossil fuels from Town operations. Some issues to incorporate: Public input, Federal stimulus money, existing plans and history.

Rob - Suggests using google docs for planning. He will create a google account for the task force: Article36taskforce@gmail.com

Aaron - We should discuss the arc of work over the duration of the task force. First: what are the sources of fossil fuel use. Next: ideas for elimination. Finally: document writing and presentation creation. With opportunity for public input throughout.

Jack - We will need a work plan and an agenda for next meeting.

Action items:

- Google docs - Rob
- Work plan for task force - Jack
- Presentation of fossil fuel uses in town - Aaron and Eva

Consensus that documents are to be posted to the google drive and referenced in agenda and minutes for public access. We will use the google drive as a repository of ideas, documents and other materials throughout the work of the task force.

Rob Pointed out that the task force charge does allow discussion and presentation of ideas beyond solely the elimination of fossil fuels. He will post a copy of the charge with relevant sections highlighted.

Meetings are to be 1 hour.

Aaron declared that since his recommendation to the task force, he has begun consulting with EEI services as an energy auditor. He will recuse himself from any discussion where there is, or might be construed to be, a conflict of interest.

Jack will put together and submit an agenda for the next meeting which will be on May 27 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Same meeting ID.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01

Submitted by Aaron Lamperti on 4/29/21