



Clean Energy Future Committee

September 27, 2019

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Arlington Town Hall, Lyons Hearing Room

Members present: Jim DiTullio (by phone), Shelly Dein, Pasi Miettinen, Ken Pruitt, Dave Levy, Marc Breslow, Ryan Katofsky, Nellie Aikenhead.

Members not present: Emily Sullivan, Adam Chapdelaine, Dan Amstutz, Coralie Cooper.

The Meeting Convened at 8:05 a.m.

Minutes: Minutes from 5/24/29 (with one correction), 6/28/19 and 8/8/2019 were all approved unanimously.

Creation of a GHG Inventory and Net Zero Plan

Mr. Pruitt discussed the status of planning for Arlington's greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory and Net Zero Plan. Mr. Pruitt noted that the Inventory will have a baseline year of 2017, because that is the latest year for which comprehensive data across sectors is available. The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and DNV GL have jointly created a spreadsheet tool that Arlington will use for its baseline inventory as well as future updates. He circulated a sign-up sheet for those willing to be trained to use the spreadsheet tool and help with data entry this year and in future years.

Regarding the creation of the Net Zero Plan, Mr. Pruitt stated that MAPC is strongly encouraging a robust public engagement effort by the Town of Arlington. The draft timeline includes many deliverables and events, stretching through the end of calendar year 2020. Focus groups of Town residents will be conducted in January, 2020. A public information session will be scheduled in May, 2020 for the Town to discuss a refined list of GHG mitigation proposals. Mr. Katofsky noted that it will be important to be clear about what information we want from the focus groups and the public information session to make sure the best feedback is generated from them.

There was a discussion about what kind of proposals would be analyzed and discussed at the public sessions. Mr. Pruitt noted the focus groups will be conducted in such a way as to ensure the Committee hears general

perspectives and attitudes about climate change from various residents prior to developing/refining specific GHG mitigation measures.

Mr. Gene Benson, as a Town resident and a member of the Arlington Redevelopment Board, encouraged the Committee to bring climate mitigation recommendations to the Redevelopment Board in advance of drafting the Net Zero Plan. Mr. Benson also suggested the Committee engage with both Arlington High School and Arlington Catholic to encourage student involvement in the project.

Sign-up sheets were circulated for GHG inventory training, focus group training, and for participation in subcommittees such as Buildings, Transportation, Waste, Land Use and Zoning, and Communications.

The Next Meeting is on October 25th, 2019.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Submitted by Dave Levy.