



CLIMATE & CLEAN ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, October 13, 2022

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

A. Call to order: Susan Barrett (Lexington) Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 PM via Zoom

B. MBTA's Legal Commitments and Requirements to combat Climate Change

Staci Rubin, Esq. Vice President at CLF gave the presentation. Juanita Gibson, CLF Staff Attorney was also present. There are multiple laws and policies that effect the MBTA's transitions to clean energy. The 2020 Roadmap Law (Climate Law) makes it clear that the Commonwealth must reduce emissions, including transportation emissions, with mandated targets for 2025, 2030 and 2040. In addition, under the 2022 Clean Energy Law, the MBTA has certain requirements to achieve for zero emission bus fleets by 2040, and at least a requirement on purchasing new emission-free vehicles by 2030. Laws also require the MBTA to complete environmental justice analyses, like equity analyses, for major service or fare changes. Federal law and policies were also discussed, and the Chair led a question-and-answer session with the presenters.

In response to committee inquiries, staff will draft a scope of work for a report by a 3rd party that lines up MBTA proposed procurements and legal requirements to show where any gaps may exist, and make recommendations for its upcoming CIPs to fill these gaps.

C. Next committee meeting: Members discussed a need for a meeting in November to discuss upcoming studies.

D. Adjourn: With all business transacted, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 PM

Note: These minutes were approved by vote of the Committee at its 03/28/23 meeting.



ATTENDEES

Members:

Susan Barrett, Lexington (Chair)

Corey Evans, Cohasset

Colette Aufranc, Wellesley

Katherine Eschel, Cambridge

Leila Mekias, Boston

Guest

Staci Rubin, Esq., MPH- Vice President, Conservation Law Foundation

Juanita Gibson, Esq. Staff Attorney, Conservation Law Foundation

Staff:

Brian Kane, Executive Director

Amira Patterson, Transportation Planner