



Minutes

CLIMATE & CLEAN ENERGY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 04, 2023

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- A. **Call to order**- Susan Barrett- Lexington, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM.
- B. **March 28, 2022 meeting minutes**: The minutes being previously distributed, Leila Mekias (Cambridge) moved to approve the minutes. Colette Aufranc (Wellesley) seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- C. Discussion and action to consider and approve a statement from the committee to the full Advisory Board with respect to **bus electrification**. MBTA Advisory Board staff in consultation with colleagues from the Conservation Law Foundation co-authored a report on the topic of MBTA bus electrification. The Committee considered the report, as well as a statement requesting and recommending that the full MBTA Advisory Board adopt the report and recommendations as official policy of the body. The Committee's recommendations for the MBTA included:
- Appoint an electrification TSAR to coordinate and manage electrification programs.
 - Issue a report on the feasibility of the local electric grid(s) ability to support electrified bus and rail fleets based on the Authority's timeline.

- Plan for an enlarged, electrified bus fleet to support regional economic growth and climate change mitigation efforts.
- Publish a report on the timeline and program-management steps needed to convert commuter rail to regional, electric rail.

Following a discussion presided over by the Chair, Corey Evans (Cohasset) made a motion to the effect of adopting the report, recommending its adoption to the full MBTA Advisory Board, and approving a cover memo substantially similar to the one provided to the committee by staff. F. Tramontozzi seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously via roll call.

D. Old/New Business: There was none

E. Adjourn: With all business concluded, Rob Scherer (Ashland) moved to adjourn, a motion which Steve Olanoff (Westwood) seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:59AM.