



MINUTES
OXFORD CLIMATE ACTION STEERING COMMITTEE

Municipal Building 15 South College Ave. Oxford, Ohio 45056 First Floor Conference Room

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023 AT 8:30 AM

Approval of Agenda

A regular meeting of the Climate Action Steering Committee was called to order by Mark Boardman at 8:30am. Members in attendance include: Mark Boardman, Jason Bracken, Peggy Branstrator, David Gorchov, Olivia Herron, David Prytherch

David G. moved to approve the agenda, Mark seconded, all voted in favor.

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the April 20, 2023, meeting.

David G. moved, Mark seconded, all voted in favor.

Old Business

1. Updates from members.

Not discussed

2. Next steps/timeline on Climate Action Plan revision and recommendation.

Reena shared via email that the Climate Action Plan is in it's final revision and will be completed when she returns in June.

New Business

1. Discussion: agenda/priorities for the remainder of 2023.

Not discussed

2. Discussion: net zero building electrification ordinance for new buildings/retrofit (CAP goal and Council priority), objectives, and scan of best practices.

The committee discussed strategies for policy development for building electrification, also known as beneficial electrification. The Climate Action Steering Committee's role is new *vis à vis* existing boards and commissions, particularly in terms of policy development. The Committee agreed to develop goals for the ordinance, research best practices, and offer model ordinances. It will ask City Management/staff and Council how it would like the OCASC to best collaborate with departments and existing boards/commissions (whether they would like the OCASC to lead in policy development, or take more of a coordinating role).

The committee discussed goals for the development of electrification policy. The long-term goal is to achieve electrification in new buildings and promote retrofit electrification in existing buildings. Another goal is expeditiousness, given state policy context. Another is parity, applying to public buildings. EV readiness in new construction would be an important policy goal, but could be separate from building electrification (power and HVAC).

The Committee discussed the breadth of potential new legislation, and which activities might be exempted. The Committee reviewed an ordinance adopted by New York City, which phases out indoor combustion, while studying ways and developing strategies to facilitate the shift to electrification.

The Committee recommends the following emphases of a beneficial electrification ordinance:

1. focus first on new construction
2. phase-out indoor combustion
3. phase-in requirement for electric appliances and HVAC
4. specific dates for implementation in alignment with our climate action goals

David G. moved that the Committee present to the City Manager and Council these goals and provide a few model ordinances (e.g. New York City) and inquire about best procedure for policy development (OCASC-led or by relevant board and commission). Mark seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Adjournment

Mark moved to adjourn, David G. seconded, all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.