



Town of Arlington, MA Clean Energy Future Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: December 19, 2025 — 8:15 AM

Location: Hybrid - Town Hall Annex, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 730 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA 02476, and Zoom

Members Present: Aimee Graeber, Amos Meeks, David Morgan, Kristen Fritsch, Michael Kozuch, Pasi Miettinen, Ryan Katofsky (as Chair), Sam Polk, Shelly Dein, Talia Fox, Eric Helmuth

Members Absent: Jim Feeney

Arlington Staff Present:

Members of the Public Present: Patrick Hanlon, Rebecca Brenneis

1) 8:15-8:20am. Roll call and virtual meeting reminders.

Virtual Meeting Reminders - If there is a technical failure, we will try to relaunch the meeting three times. If we are unable to relaunch and there are more than 20 minutes left in the meeting, the CEFC will reconvene the following Friday. If there are fewer than 20 minutes left, the CEFC will carry the remaining agenda items forward to the next meeting.

2) 8:20-8:25am. Review and approve minutes from previous meetings.

November 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed. S. Dein moved to approve the minutes. A. Graeber second. A. Graeber, A. Meeks, K. Fritsch, R. Katofsky, S. Polk, S. Dein, and T. Fox voted in favor to approve. Michael Kozuch abstained.

3) 8:25-8:35am. Department of Public Utilities comment discussion and vote.

National Grid filed its annual gas system enhancement plan with the Department of Public Utilities (DPU). The CEFC commented on last year's filing and has the opportunity to comment again. The comment letter was drafted by T. Fox and R. Katofsky, with additional guidance from the Gas Leaks Task Force and others in Town. The letter expresses concern that the evaluations of alternatives to pipeline replacements are not complete or realistic.

Last year the committee didn't officially endorse the letter but did empower the Chair (R. Katofsky) to finalize the letter with T. Fox. The letter was signed by R. Katofsky and the Town Manager. The Town Manager has already reviewed this new comment letter and approved it.

M. Kozuch moved to approve the letter. S. Polk seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor of R. Katofsky signing the letter on behalf of the committee.

4) 8:35-9:05am. Neighborhood electrification resolution discussion and vote.

There is an opportunity for a Town Meeting resolution in favor of a neighborhood approach to electrification, which would speed up the Town's ability to meet net zero goals. The premise is that if supported this would signal to the legislature that this is important to communities. Who should bring this resolution to the warrant? CEFC? Or citizens, such as Mother's Out Front? If CEFC doesn't bring it forward, citizens would likely bring it. If CEFC brings it, it might hold more weight than if citizens alone brought it. Discussion included perspective that resolutions like this have had success in the past when they are supported by CEFC, Sustainable Arlington and others who are aligned, not necessarily just successful because CEFC brought it forward. The committee favors the resolution and would like to support education and communication around it, but will not vote at this time about deciding whether or not to lead it. Talia will let MOF know that CEFC will not take the lead at this time, but when language is more fleshed out CEFC will review it at that time.

Warrant closes January 30th, next CEFC meeting is January 23rd, so there is time, however it will require a turnaround quick.

5) 9:05-9:15am. NZAP update next steps.

In January, will need to plan a timeline for writing up the NZAP, including reviewing survey results and interpreting and incorporating input, and finalizing and fleshing out action items (draft list is already complete). Talia is going on leave at beginning of March, goal is to progress it for review before then. S. Polk will distill survey statistics into a half-page summary. Sub-committee will draft out an approach, S. Polk, A. Meeks, and non-members P. Hanlon and R. Brenneis volunteered to help. Call will go out after the holidays for any other helpers. Second week of January is target to convene.

6) 9:15-9:20am. Sustainability updates.

ACE plan is being updated to include a DPU template to speed up the process and automatically enroll low-income residents in the lowest cost plan so they will be able to save on their electric rate. That updated plan doc is in public review. Also working with Arlington Eats to help people enroll in the discount rate. People will still have options to stay in the default, opt-up, or opt-out.

Solar array at DPW is on-line. It uses a power purchase agreement so should see savings.

Reminder that Conflict of Interest training needs to be completed by new members and by returning members every two years.

7) 9:25-9:30am. Other items.

M. Kozuch noted Ottoson project is going forward, and that is an opportunity for incorporating sustainable items, 10 yr process.

8) 9:20-9:25am. Next meeting dates.

The next CEFC meeting is January 23. It may not be realistic to hold the meeting in person, but T. Fox may send a note in the New Year. February may also be an option for an in-person meeting.

S. Dein moved to adjourn. Multiple people seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.