



# CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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To: Conservation Advisory Council  
Councilwoman Kelly Martin  
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Town Clerk Quinlan  
Town Board members  
Highway Superintendent Telaak  
Code Enforcement Officer Murphy  
Town Attorney Costello

Agenda for Monday, May 6, 2024 – 7:00 PM

- 1) Call meeting to order – Mitch
- 2) Comments from the floor – Mitch
- 3) APPROVE: Draft minutes from March meeting – Mitch
- 4) Liaison from Town Board – Councilwoman Martin
- 5) Financial Report – Sharon
- 6) Bluebird Birdhouse Workshop recap – Caitlin
- 7) Fishing Derby, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Caitlin
- 8) Boston Delaware River (D.R.) Solar Project – Mitch
- 9) Correspondence – Mitch
  - a. Clean Energy Grant to Town of Boston
- 10) New Business
- 11) Old Business
  - a. Seed Library – Pam
  - b. Newsletter Update – Pam
  - c. Boston Comp. Plan – Pam
  - d. Climate Smart Communities – Mitch
- 12) Adjournment by Motion

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Notes: Next Meeting: 7:00 PM Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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## CAC Meeting Minutes

04-02-2024

Attendees: Mitch Tucker, Caitlin Tucker, Pamela Zylinski, Sharon Stuart, Jay Jackson

Absentee: Councilwoman Kelly Martin

1. Call Meeting to Order by Mr. Tucker  
Meeting to order at 704pm
2. Comments from the floor – Mr. Tucker  
Nothing shared.
3. Approval of Minutes from March 2024  
Motion made by Ms. Zylinski to approve minutes with two corrections.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Tucker  
All in Favor  
**APPROVED**
4. Liaison from Town Board – Councilwoman Kelly Martin.  
Ms. Martin is not present to give updates.  
Ms. Zylinski and Mr. Jackson attended the last Town Board meeting. The Bluebird House event was not mentioned.  
CAC Tasked with reviewing the SEQR report and reports from the Town Engineer regarding the Solar project.
5. Financial Report – Ms. Stuart.  
Nothing to share.  
Some reimbursements came through back in March. Plenty of money in the budget for brainstorming.
6. Bluebird Birdhouse Workshop – Ms. Tucker – Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
Have about 32 people registered – 20 parties with a total of 32 people. Will email the participants attending to confirm they are coming since there are some people on a waiting list. In good shape. Angela Barring from NYS Bluebird Society to attend. Need to tackle: confirmation email, nest box instructions (Mr. Jackson had one available), purchase seed for a take away gift (Ms. Stuart), purchase light refreshments. CAC to have a table set up. Print up a copy of the newsletter. Bring drills, screwdrivers, extension cords.  
Mr. Jackson, if there is anything needed on the construction side, to relay to the board. Will put one together at this meeting. Motion made by Ms. Tucker for \$200 for snacks/refreshments.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Zylinski  
All in Favor  
**APPROVED**  
Arrive at 1030am to set up - 1145am is open registration. Start at 12pm – End at 2pm.  
Announcement made by Mr. Tucker. Introduce Angela, then her presentation which is about 45 minutes. Then build birdboxes. Coloring papers available for younger children on the table.
7. Fishing Derby – Mr. Tucker – Saturday, May 11th  
Registration starts at 930a – Set up at 830a. Lunch provided.  
Called Smith Creek Fish Farm to get that started. Will reach out to Southtowns. Will reach out to Trouts unlimited to let them know about the event. Clean the ponds beforehand. May 4<sup>th</sup> discussed. Need rakes and check out chemicals that are needed. Look to offer food (pizza) – 10am to 12pm.  
Prizes discussed. Flyer already created.  
Motion made to budget \$300 for prizes for the Fishy Derby

2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Tucker

All in Favor

**APPROVED**

8. Correspondence – Mr. Tucker

a. Boston Solar Project

Solar project email shared with the board members from Jason Keding. Mr. Tucker to reach out to Jason Keding for documents. Buffalo Solar was in front of the Planning Board in June 2023.

Arbor Day mailings shared with the board and other mailings, like Conservationist. Subscriptions discussed with the board.

9. New Business

a. Climate Stewards Program – Ms. Tucker

Discussion with the board members regarding Sharon Bauchman with Cornell Coop and is an educator on Climate Change. 12-week program on Saturdays is available as Virtual or in Person. Will be shared on the Facebook page.

10. Old Business

a. Seed Library – Ms. Zylinski

Ms. Tucker would like to increase the budget. Motion to approve an additional \$200 for seed library materials.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Stuart.

All in Favor

**APPROVED**

Ms. Zylinski suggested getting with a wholesaler who also gives a display. Other option could be a CD holder.

b. Newsletter Update – Ms. Zylinski

Mr. Tucker to send it out to the email list. To the Board, start thinking of new topics for June issue.

Earth Spirit – Ms. Zylinski to reach out and relay the LEAF event date.

July date TBD for a nature walk

c. Boston Comp Plan – Ms. Zylinski

Ms. Zylinski commented on the public meeting being on 4/10 @ 630pm. Will share on Facebook.

Rail Trail – There is already a committee formed. Ms. Lisa Rood runs this group for Boston so there is no maintenance by the CAC.

Mr. Jackson shared some info with the board

This should be added to the Comp Plan

d. Climate Smart Communities – Mr. Tucker

Mr. Tucker met with both Jason K(Town Supervisor) and Jason K (UB rep) about clean energy committees.

11. Adjournment by Motion

Motion to adjourn at 9:20pm by Ms. Zylinski

2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Tucker

Upcoming meeting date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7pm

**FW: NOTIFICATION: NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities | Town of Boston**

Town of Boston Supervisor &lt;supervisor@townofboston.com&gt;

Wed 4/17/2024 3:05 PM

To: Town of Boston Bookkeeper &lt;bookkeeper@townofboston.com&gt;

Cc: CAC &lt;cac@townofboston.com&gt;; supervisororkeding@gmail.com &lt;supervisororkeding@gmail.com&gt;

Great work everyone!

Regards-  
Jason

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**From:** erda.sm.clean.energy.communities <cec@nyserda.ny.gov>**Date:** Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 1:29 PM**To:** Town of Boston Supervisor <supervisor@townofboston.com>**Cc:** jasonkul@buffalo.edu <jasonkul@buffalo.edu>**Subject:** NOTIFICATION: NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities | Town of Boston

**Congratulations!** According to our records, your municipality recently completed enough high-impact actions to qualify for a **\$10,000 Grant** under NYSERDA's [Clean Energy Communities](#) program.

You have three months from the date of this email (**DUE DATE: July 17, 2024**) to [go online](#) and apply for your grant. Please note that under the recently revised Clean Energy Communities Program solicitation, NYSERDA is no longer providing grant extensions. For more information, please review the program [Guidance Document](#).

NYSERDA will not be issuing a press release regarding your grant. If you would like to issue a release, please send us a version to review and we will work with our communications department to provide you a quote. Please leave ample time for review prior to planned distribution.

If you have any questions regarding your grant, please do not hesitate to contact your local Clean Energy Communities Coordinator (copied) who is working on NYSERDA's behalf to help you navigate the program:

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Thank you for your interest in NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities Program.

Again, congratulations!

**Clean Energy Communities Team**

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