



Climate Change, Environment and Sustainability Subcommittee
Memorial Building - Conference Room #2
150 Concord Street, Framingham
February 25, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Open Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Chair Geoffrey Epstein, Adam Freudberg, William LaBarge

ABSENT: Priscila Sousa

OTHERS PRESENT: Joanna Hastry, Executive Assistant to the School Committee

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. and noted that this meeting is being recorded.

Public Comment

No public comment

Subcommittee Goals, Requests for Information and Relationships with other departments

Members discussed goals, information to be requested and who to reach out to to invite to future meetings. The Chair read the scope of this subcommittee as written in the Rules and Administration report.

Discussion included:

- Topics for Subcommittee to Look Into:
 - What grants are available to help fund projects
 - Reports on all school buildings and if they could have solar power or not and if so why not
 - Look into what has already been done through Building and Grounds or with City's Energy Sustainability Coordinator
 - Look at what recommendations are if consultants are needed for solar energy usage or if this is something that can be done in house
 - What sustainability items/actions need to be included in FY21 budget
 - Environmental aspects such as Woodrow Wilson clean up, Perini in flood zone, styrofoam trays, composting
 - More information on what is happening within Food Services such as composting, etc
 - Municipal aggregation
 - Electives for students and if Keefe Tech has any offerings regarding these topics

- Policies: such as on paper usage
- Involve the following in future subcommittee meetings/coordination:
 - Building and Grounds - someone from this department official subcommittee central office liaison?
 - City's Energy Sustainability Coordinator Sean Luz
 - City's Subcommittee on Sustainability and Environment - possible joint meeting
 - Student Advisory Council
 - FHS Environmental Club
 - Youth Council

Discussion on trying to hold meetings once a month, with invitations to different groups to help drive conversation on what is being done.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn. **Moved:** Mr. Freudberg

Seconded: Mr. LaBarge

Vote: Unanimous (3-0-0)

(Yes: Epstein, Freudberg, LaBarge)

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Meeting Materials

Agenda

These minutes were approved by the Climate Change, Environment and Sustainability Subcommittee in Open Session on June 30, 2020.

These minutes were sent to the City of Framingham for posting on July 2, 2020.