



Climate Change, Environment and Sustainability Subcommittee

Remote

January 27, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Open Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Chair Geoffrey Epstein, Adam Freudberg, William LaBarge, Priscila Sousa

ABSENT: None

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

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. He noted all in attendance and said that the meeting was being held remotely, was being broadcast live on Facebook, and was also being recorded.

Public Comment

No public comment

Climate Change, Environment and Sustainability Policy Considerations

Mr. Epstein spoke about looking into creating an environment or climate policy as Framingham, nor any other district in Massachusetts, has one. He suggested that he can draft a policy and circulate for feedback in a manner that will not violate the Open Meeting Law, as well as for members to send resources that are relevant to creating a policy to the School Committee's Executive Assistant to create an archive of materials to draw from. Discussion was held on all the different areas listed on the agenda to look into for a possible policy. Mr. Freudberg suggested including an email he sent with policy references in the drive for all to see, including a Boston example regarding how to solidify reports from the District, such as from the Building and Grounds Department on items they are already working on for the environment.

Ms. Sousa said that she would like to focus on solar, and suggested that the City's Sustainability Coordinator be involved to discuss making environmentally friendly options available to all. Discussion on how long solar canopies are taking at Brophy Elementary School, and looking into other opportunities at schools, as well as charging stations. Mr. Epstein requested that the Executive Assistant get information on where the charging stations are planned to be. Members discussed other areas to look at such as less items in the trash and more reused or recycled, curriculum ideas for students to have more knowledge and options about being environmentally friendly, students being involved such as when they presented on the Tree-Plenish program in an earlier subcommittee, and making sure we are looking into health concerns such as with artificial fields or where schools are built with the example of where Woodrow Wilson Elementary School was built and concerns around that.

Mr. Epstein said that the next step is to create a folder with materials to review with any examples of policies that members come across or ideas for policies.

Approval of Minutes and Adjournment

Motion: To approve the minutes of October 22, 2020 and November 9, 2020 and adjourn.

Moved: Ms. Sousa **Seconded:** Mr. Freudberg **Roll Call Vote:** Unanimous (4-0-0)

(Yes: Freudberg, Epstein, LaBarge)

Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Meeting Materials

Agenda

Draft October 22, 2020 and November 9, 2020 Minutes

Email from Adam Freudberg with Climate Change Policy Options

These minutes were approved by the Climate Change, Environment, and Sustainability Subcommittee in Open Session on July 27, 2021.

These minutes were sent to the City of Framingham for posting on July 28, 2021.