

APPROVED
Hartford Climate Advisory Committee
June 3, 2020

Present: Erik Krauss; Courtney Williamson; Jack Spicer; Alan Johnson, Selectboard Liaison; Geoff Martin, Energy Coordinator; Ana Meija, Community Member

Act 92 Compliance: Erik read the Act 92 compliance agreement.

Workshop draft RFP for Climate Action Plan 55: Geoff asked if we wanted to change 70% of vote to 65%. All agreed on the latter.

Next, Geoff asked which title we should give the action plan. He liked net zero action plan because climate action plan has been used by many states and municipalities and most have been unsuccessful at achieving change; Courtney also liked net zero action plan because it was more specific. Ana liked climate action plan, Jack thought it was overused and “Hartford” should be in the title, Courtney suggested allowing consultants to figure it out. All agreed with Courtney. Geoff changed the title to Hartford Climate Action Plan for now.

Discussion moved to Guiding Principals that members thought were confusing. Ana suggested turning number 4 into a positive. All agreed. Discussion on examples ensued and a specific mention of offsets was incorporated. All agreed to deemphasize climate change adaptation by moving to description of pathways.

Discussion moved to cost/benefits analysis. Conversation about internalizing externalities and having more complete view of costs than simply one of economics. Erik brought up an example of a project at the Bugbee Senior Center where the insulation and air sealing was to be done and that project would take something like 80 years to payoff when the building is only supposed to last for 50 years. Yet, Hartford went ahead because it was important to the community that we have a healthy building in Bugbee.

All agreed to increase committee response period from two to four days after each deliverable. All agreed to amend RFP Timeline to allow three weeks for proposals to be submitted and to take into account Selectboard involvement.

Jack moved to approve the RFP for Net Zero Action Plan/Climate Action Plan as to substance. Courtney seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Review vendor list for RFP distribution: Erik asked how this works. Geoff said there is a general approach to posting new and old media as well as a pointed approach to qualified vendors. Geoff circulated list from Jen Green who works for Burlington Electric Coop for pointed approach. Erik asked whether Geoff was coordinating the pointed approach and he agreed. All agreed to send Geoff any potential vendors that we think of.

Next steps and closing comments: New member recruitment and performance contracting.