

Energy Action Committee Meeting Notes
August 30, 2021
7:30pm
Remote meeting via Zoom

Present:

Michael Reive (MR),
Brad Moyer (BM),
Brad Carr (BC)
Tom Morahan (TM)

John Borger – HNZ (JB)

Absent:

Mark LeBel (ML),

- The meeting was called to order when a quorum was present at 7:39 PM
- The primary agenda was a discussion and comments on a document defining a ‘Net Zero Building’, including expected goals, principles and characteristics, originally authored by members of Hingham Net Zero
 - The committee generally agreed with the content in the document
 - BM raised a question about the defined term “Total Net Zero”. After some discussion, the team thought removing the word ‘Total’ and leaving Net Zero would be more descriptive and cause less confusion to the casual reader
 - BM also pointed out that the statistics cited in the document from Built Environment Plus, a Massachusetts non-profit climate action organization <https://builtenvironmentplus.org/road-to-net-zero/> would carry higher credibility if more background on the survey response rates were included as context
 - The committee agreed that MR and BM would work offline to draft clearer language
- MR reminded members that there was a Public Safety Building Committee meeting on Thursday September 2 at Town Hall and encouraged those interested to attend. The group discussed the pros and cons of various backup power configurations including fossil fuels, battery, and hybrid
- The meeting adjourned at 8:40

This meeting was held remotely as an alternate means of public access pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 temporarily amending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law.