



A meeting of the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 9:04 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Present

Mayor David Devenne
Councillor Penny Carver
Councillor Kelly Wilson
Veryan Haysom
Richard Wilson
John Evarts (remote)
Gregg Little (remote)
Amanda Montgomery (remote)
Aaron Long, General Manager – Alternative Resource Energy Authority
Meg Hodges, Operations Officer – Alternative Resource Energy Authority
Dylan Heide, CAO
Lauren Clark, Climate & Energy Program Manager

Absent:

None

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Mr. Haysom, seconded by Mr. Wilson, “THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add ‘Resignation of James Tilley’ and ‘Bayview School’.”

Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. Haysom, seconded by Mr. Wilson, “THAT the minutes of the December 6, 2023 meeting be approved as presented, with the addition of the referenced report.”

Motion carried.

3. AREA Presentation

Aaron Long and Meg Hodges presented on the Alternative Resource Energy Authority (AREA) – established by the towns of Antigonish, Berwick and Mahone Bay – and its activities. Members asked questions of the presenters and robust discussion ensued.

4. Updates

a. Recommendation to Council re Adaptation

Chair Carver updated the Committee concerning Council's approval of the Committee's recommendation. Discussion of next steps ensued.

b. Solar Garden – Open House – Dec 11th, 2023

Committee members acknowledged the final open house for the Town's solar garden project, which took place on December 11th.

5. Correspondence: Energy Poverty and an Equitable Transition to a Net-Zero Carbon Future in Nova Scotia – EfficiencyOne

Deferred to next meeting.

6. Third Quarter Report – Climate and Energy Program Manager

Deferred to next meeting.

7. Complete the annual Strategic Plan and GHG Action Plan review and provide any recommendations to Council

Deferred to next meeting.

8. Begin discussion of budget recommendations.

Deferred to next meeting.

The committee adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

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Chair, Councillor Penny Carver

CAO Dylan Heide (Recording Secretary)