

Energy and Environment Working Group Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Worcester Public Library

Salem Street

Worcester, MA 01608

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Kay Doyle (Chair)

Taryn LaScola

Alex Pollard

John Fischer

LIST OF DOCUMENTS: Meeting Minutes 6/20/18

Agenda

Finding a quorum to be present, Commissioner Doyle called the meeting of the Energy and Environment Working Group to order at 10:00 a.m., with her thanks to the Worcester Public Library for the space. The Working Group then reviewed the Meeting Minutes from the June 20, 2018 meeting with one edit to correctly identify the proper name of the Crop and Pesticide Services. The motion to approve the minutes was made by John Fischer and seconded by Alex Pollard. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Chairman Doyle then discussed the law surrounding remote participation and how those meetings must be conducted. A motion to allow for remote participation was made by Taryn LaScola and seconded by Alex Pollard. The vote to allow remote participation for Working Group members was unanimously approved.

The Working Group next opened the Listening Session portion of the meeting. The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on September 13th. A written comment period was announced, with a deadline of September 14th at 5:00 p.m. EDT. The meeting on September 13 will also be a listening session, likely to be in Boston.

Bryan Sherman was the first speaker to address the Working Group. Mr. Sherman is an energy engineer and discussed his views on heating and cooling systems. He believes that residential cooling and comfort requirements are not conducive to the cultivation process and should be reformed. The universal comfort cooling standards should not have to be met. He stated his support for the LED lighting regulations put forth by the CNB. If we change the standards for cooling, cultivation establishments can become much more efficient. A baseline should be established to discover what the average energy use of cooling is, under reformed standards. After that, incentivize increased efficiency. Reforms could lead to a 60% increase in efficiency.

Mr. Pollard asked if he suggested establishing a baseline for individual processes or the entire facility? Mr. Sherman replied that it would be for cultivation establishments, measured in energy efficiency of equipment or energy units per square foot.

Sam Milton, from Climate Resources Group, spoke next. His firm is based in Arlington, MA. Mr. Milton seconded Mr. Sherman's recommendations in asking for the Commission to establish energy baselines so that targets could be developed after. The CRG is putting together a parallel stakeholder process and this roundtable will submit public comments to the Energy and Environment Working Group. Mr. Milton thanked the Working Group for their work and he looks forward to submitting further comments.

Chairman Doyle then reiterated the deadline for written comments on September 14, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. She then asked for a motion to adjourn. Taryn LaScola made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by John Fischer. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned.