

*The August 28, 2018, meeting opened at 4:00. Present were Marj Wexler (Chair), Emily Eyre, Robin Goldberg, and Pat Konecky. Also present were Karen Marshon (new resident) and Oriana Reilly (MCAN).*

**Minutes** of the 7/24/18 meeting were approved.

**Oriana Reilly** from MCAN (Mass Climate Action Network) came to this meeting to discuss ways of improving our energy use. She suggested some steps we might take toward becoming a 100% renewable-energy community.

Oriana suggested that our first act be to create a greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory, which means finding out where our pollution is coming from. The GHG inventory will give us a baseline, from which we can form an action plan. We could decide whether to focus on municipal or residential energy use and emissions. Emissions come from electricity (including the power plants that supply it), oil and gas home heating, and vehicular gas use. MCAN has compiled a toolkit that explains how we can gather these data. For example, NatGrid can give us Egremont's data on electricity usage, and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council can give us Egremont's data related to car emissions.

Once we have a GHG inventory, we'd be in a position to create a Climate Action Plan to reduce Egremont's GHG emissions. Or we could produce an Adaptation Plan, which would show us how to react (or adapt) in a crisis (e.g., flooding). Some cities (e.g., Springfield) have both. For starters, we might focus on a Climate Action Plan that would aim toward net-zero energy use and emissions.

We can study the MCAN toolkits and decide whether we'd like to proceed with any aspect of this project. Oriana will be available for conference calls.

**EV charging stations:** Emily has continued her research. She distributed info about two fast charging stations: the Delta EV DC Wallbox 25kW Commercial (~\$9,200) and the Bosch 25kW DC (~\$10,100). We'll continue to discuss where and how one could be placed.

**Hybrid police car:** Emily also found that the Ford Responder is a pursuit-rated hybrid police car. It can do many of the things a police car is required to do, but its one drawback is its smaller size, which doesn't allow a partition between front and back seats and could be a problem for carrying the equipment needed by policemen these days.

*Meeting adjourned 5:25 pm.*

*Next meeting will be Tuesday, **September 25, 4:00 PM.***

*Submitted by Marj Wexler, Sec'y*