



# CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

## Meeting Minutes - Final Sustainability Commission

**Officers:** Chair Katie Riley, Vice Chair (Vacant), Secretary Carol Voisin

**Members:** Elizabeth Bagley, Aurora Taylor, Fernanda Zermoglio

**Staff Liaison:** Bri Gabel, Sustainability Coordinator

**Assembly Liaison:** Kevin Mosher

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Tuesday, November 7, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Harrigan Centennial Hall

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### I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

**Staff Liaison Gabel called the meeting to order at approximately 6:03 P.M.**

**Present:** Elizabeth Bagley, Katie Riley (Telephonic), Carol Voisin, Fernanda Zermoglio, Kevin Mosher (Assembly Liaison)

**Absent:** Aurora Taylor (unexcused)

**Staff:** Bri Gabel (Sustainability Coordinator)

**Public:** Bruce Belley, Barb Bingham, Erik de Jong, Larry Edwards

### II. ELECTION OF ACTING VICE CHAIR

**Voisin moved to nominate Bagley as Acting Vice Chair; Bagley accepted the nomination. Bagley was ELECTED as Acting Vice Chair by 4-0 roll call vote.**

### III. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

Gabel proposed that unfinished business be addressed after new business. Seeing no objections, the agenda was changed.

### IV. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Approve the October 16, 2023 minutes.

**Bagley moved to approve the October 16, 2023 minutes.**

**Motion PASSED 4-0 by roll call vote.**

### V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD *(not to exceed 3 minutes on topics off the agenda)*

None.

### VI. REPORTS

**Staff:** Gabel updated on the commission on seat applications and that the appointment of new commissioners would occur at the next Assembly meeting the following week.

**Commissioners:** Voisin invited all attending to an event hosted by Transition Sitka on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Riley announced that she would give a report to the Assembly at their next meeting summarizing the accomplishments of the Commission since their annual work plan was approved six months prior.

Zermoglio described some resources from her recent work that could be useful for the Sitka Community Renewable Energy Strategy (SCRES) scoping.

**Assembly:** Mosher thanked Kent Barkhau for his service on the Commission.

**Tourism Task Force:** Barb Bingham announced an upcoming town hall on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

## VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. Updates and Next Steps for Working Groups

**Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory:** Did not have a report.

**Public Energy Education:** Did not have a report.

**Public Engagement Planning:** Communicated with the technical team for requests for some potential events and outlined avenues they identified for more engagement.

Gabel announced that members of the technical team would be in Sitka on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and that she would coordinate with the working groups to schedule some public engagement. She added that she was working on getting a site put together for the SCRES.

Working groups were reorganized; Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory was dissolved and Zermoglio joined Riley and Taylor on the Public Engagement Planning working group.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

### B. Review Community Scoping Survey for the Sitka Community Renewable Energy Strategy

Gabel gave a brief introduction to the survey draft and explained how questions in the survey aimed to help answer the guiding questions approved by the Commission at their previous meeting. Commissioners provided feedback on the content, length, and flow, focused on increasing clarity and succinctness of the overall survey.

### C. Review Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Draft Scope

Andrea Mott introduced the draft of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory, provided a brief overview of definitions, and explained the reasoning behind some of the omissions. Commissioners provided Mott with feedback and suggestions to make the inventory more specific to Sitka, such as adding propane for heating, an emphasis on wastewater, and including air and marine transportation and shipping as much as possible.

Larry Edwards advocated for air travel and marine shipping to be included in the inventory.

## IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Bruce Belley emphasized the question should be how much do citizens want to add to the electric demand and what renewables can meet immediate demand?

Edwards asked that the term “energy” be clarified in the survey.

Zermoglio urged the Commission to standardize its messaging with clear talking points and without alarm.

## X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA

The next meeting was scheduled for December 5, 2023 at 6:00 P.M., in Harrigan Centennial Hall.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Bagley moved to adjourn the meeting.**

**Seeing no objection, the meeting ADJOURNED at 8:02 P.M.**

Minutes By: Carol Voisin, Secretary