

Sustainability & Energy Commission Minutes 2/13/25

A regular meeting of the Sustainability & Energy Commission (SEC) was called to order by Dan Small at 6:05 on Thursday, February 13, 2025, in the Council Chambers of Grand Haven City Hall.

Present: Pamela Blough, Ryan Cotton, Jean Madden, Patti Nelsen, Nancy O'Neill, Dan Small

Absent: Brittany Goode, James Hagen, John Kinch, Jim Mathews, Andrei Skelly

Also present: Eric Law (Administrative Liaison)

1. Call to audience. No audience members
2. Previous Meeting Minutes tabled till next month.

AGENDA

1. Forest Management update. Madden reports that the target date for a Council Work Session is March 3 at 7:00 PM.
2. Energy Task Force update. No update other than waiting for confirmation of a date for the the Community Energy Plan to present to City Council and answer questions.
3. Strategic Planning Session. Mission / Vision / Goals, Review – Jean Madden Comments have been made in the document by Nelsen and O'Neill. Other SEC members discussed the document. The next step is prioritization of our long list of potential goals. Prioritization of the goals will be broken down into sections to make the task more manageable.
4. Planning Tools Discussion. Law reports that Hagen has suggested using EverMap software for the review of Ordinance documents. Law will look into it further. For now, Law is using the “One Drive” platform for SEC documents, where he's uploaded searchable PDFs of the Grand Haven ordinances. Microsoft-driven tools (including Microsoft Word) are familiar to SEC members, so they may be an easier path forward for reviewing and commenting on potential ordinance updates.
5. Discussion about co-chair and secretary position has been tabled until next month.

Other Business: Discussion about water capacity in the area and how the water bill could provide more information to help customers. In the future, Grand Haven will need a larger plant. Currently they are working on a feasibility study.

Final Call to Audience: No public comments.

Adjourn: Small made a motion to adjourn at 7:16 PM. Madden supported.
Unanimous approval.