

Newton Citizens Commission on Energy Minutes July 31, 2024

Attendees

Members: Phil Hanser, Asa Hopkins, Stephen Grody, Jonathan Kantar, Michael Gevelber, Rachel White, Jay Snyder

1. Review notes from July 10 and May 22 meetings
 - a. Notes approved
2. BERDO update and strategy discussion
 - a. Status update
 - i. ZAP will discuss BERDO on September 23
 - ii. City plans:
 1. Try to complete Capasso case study
 2. Presentation by Synapse on Portfolio Manager
 3. Bill F to present on service City will provide
 - b. NCCE discussed the “one-pager” BERDO summary prepared by Jon Slote and Halina Brown and suggested various amendments and restructuring. NCCE will amend the document to produce two separate one-page documents – one on Newton BERDO fundamentals, and the other on comparison to Boston.
 - c. NCCE discussed the flow of the 9/23 meeting and the Danberg amendment on multi-family buildings
 - d. NCCE will draft a letter to ZAP supporting BERDO and laying out our proposed amendments (supporting Danberg amendment and having a citizen group handle appeals)
3. Adjournment