

## **Newton Citizens Commission on Energy Minutes September 4, 2024**

### Attendees

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

Guests: Halina Brown

1. Review notes from July 31 meeting
  - a. Deferred until next meeting
2. BERDO update and strategy discussion
  - a. NCCE reviewed and edited one-page handout on Newton BERDO fundamentals
  - b. NCCE reviewed and edited one-page handout on the comparison of Newton BERDO to Boston BERDO
  - c. NCCE reviewed and edited a two-page letter from NCCE to the Chair and Co-chair of the Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee regarding BERDO and potential amendments.
3. NCCE members raised two issues for future meetings
  - a. City councilors have docketed an item on “a discussion regarding residential use of electricity. Discussion should include a review of factors influencing our preparedness to continue moving away from fossil fuels to electricity” (item #322-24). It has been referred to ZAP.
  - b. Liora Silkes has left the City Sustainability Office and the City will be hiring her replacement
4. Adjournment