



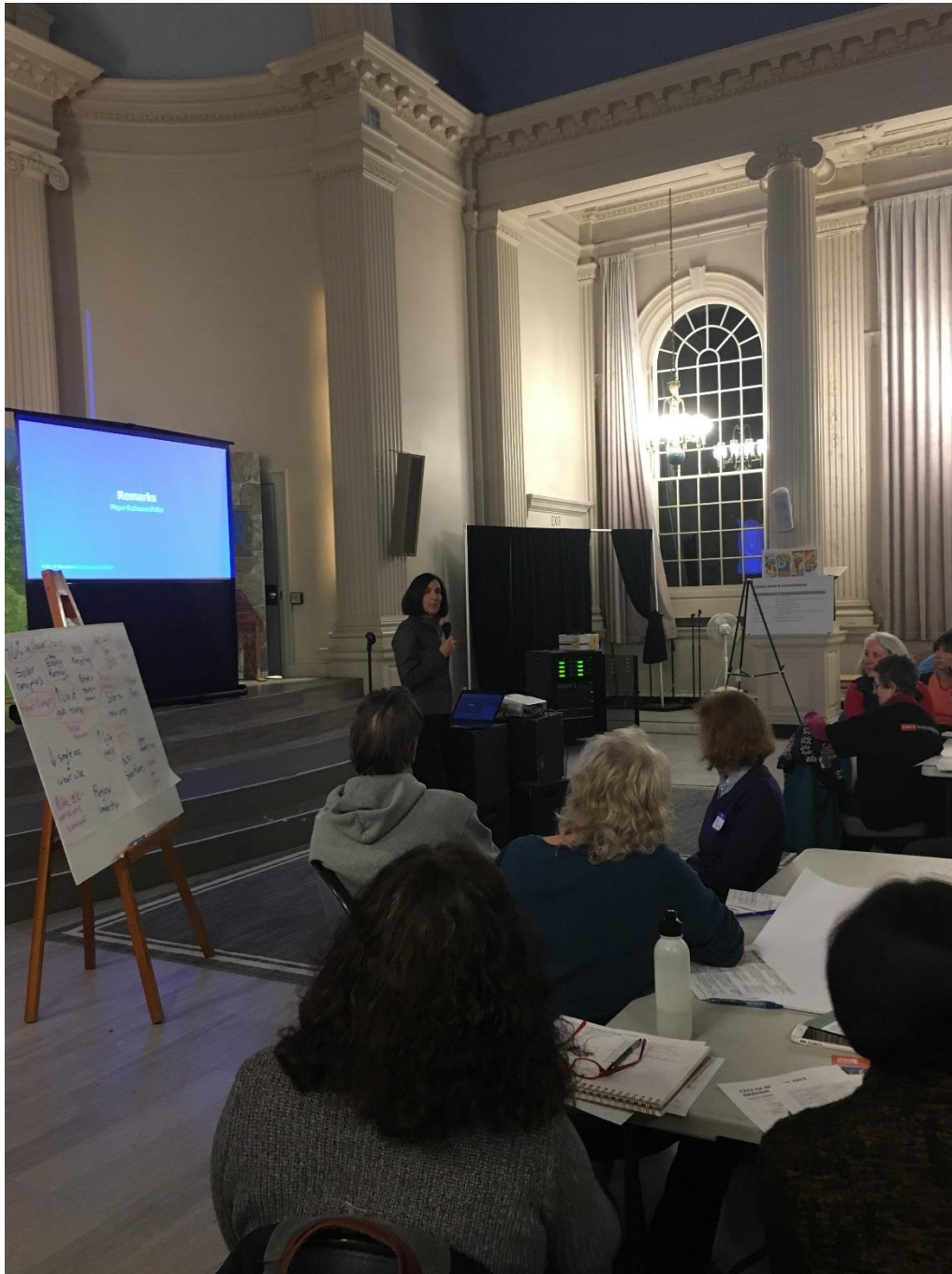
A full house for our Kick-off Roundtable Discussion for the Climate Action Plan!



Jennifer Steel, Chief Environmental Planner, starting off our evening.



Ann Berwick, Co-Director of Sustainability, letting our participants know about what actions Newton is already taking towards climate mitigation. One of the most exciting new steps is the upcoming **Newton Power Choice** initiative, for more information please email [aberwick@newtonMA.gov](mailto:aberwick@newtonMA.gov).



Mayor Fuller stopped by to give a quick statement of thanks for all the support we are receiving during this planning process.



And then stayed to participate in the discussion! Our small group activity was focused on brainstorming actions Newton could take and prioritizing them based on factors like financial ease, public/private partnerships, political decisions needed, and impact to overall emissions.



As one of the most important issues of our world today, it's exciting to see multiple generations coming together to discuss how Newton can reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



Chief Operating Officer, Jonathan Yeo, listening in on some citizen ideas for mitigation actions.

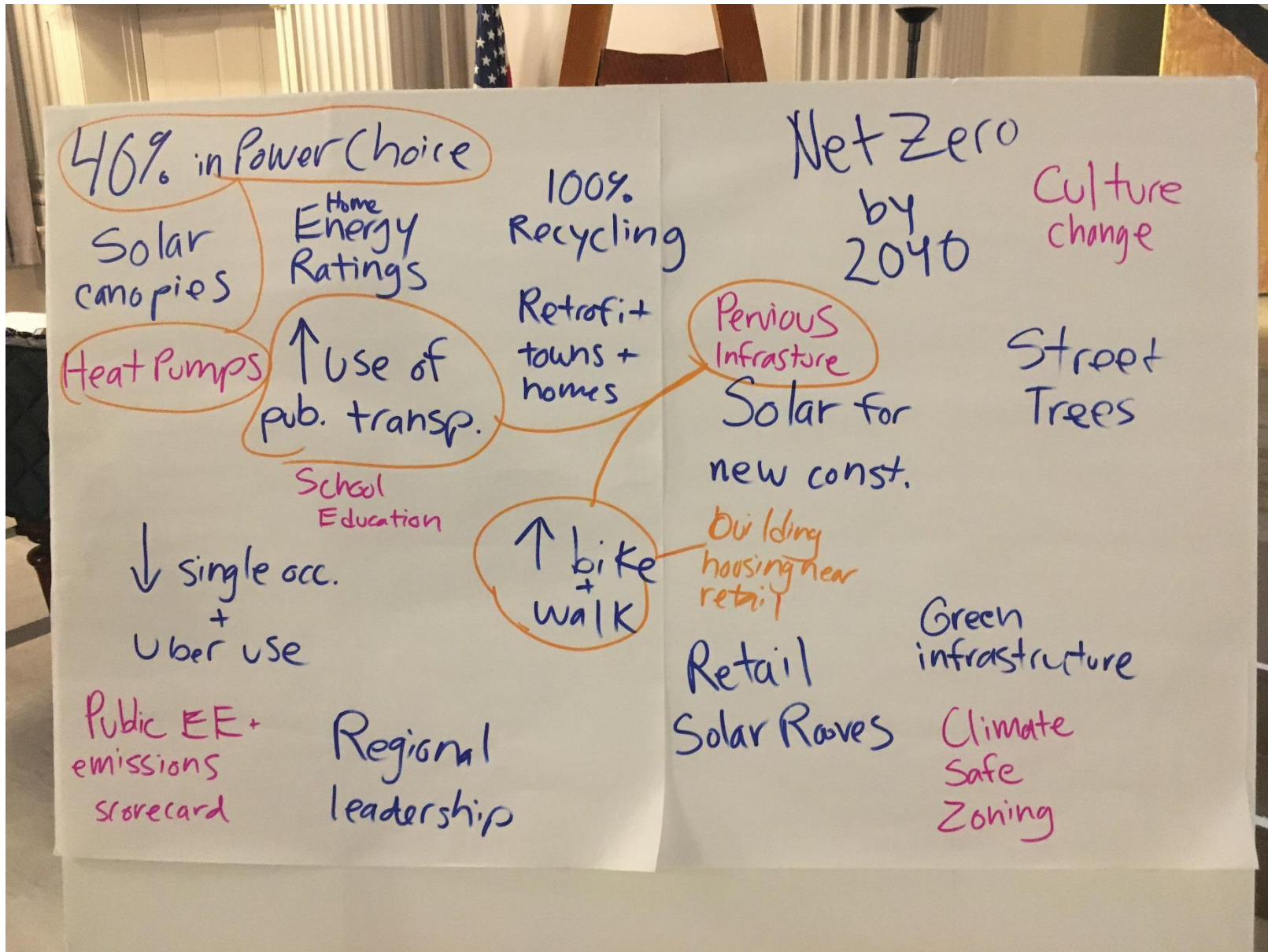


With members of the Volunteer Climate Action Planning group also helping to facilitate conversations, each table had a great mix of residents, City Councilors, and green-oriented community groups. This helped to get a diverse and well-rounded idea of where Newton needs to make changes.





Councilor Crossley and Co-Director of Sustainability, Bill Ferguson, help to facilitate and spark conversation about Newton's mitigation actions.



Our icebreaker activity was aimed at making connections between big-picture climate goals that Newton could intitiate.



All of our small groups working hard and coming up with some great ideas!



After discussing potential actions and why they should be prioritized, small groups reported back to the larger group about what their top three actions were and why they chose them.

Do you have ideas you think may have not been stated, find an online form for input at [www.newtonMA.gov/climate](http://www.newtonMA.gov/climate).



Thanks again to everyone who made this night more than we expected! Hope to see you all at future climate events.