

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE CLIMATE COMMITTEE

MAY 14, 2026 | 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

CITY HALL ANNEX, 344 BROADWAY, 4TH FLOOR & VIRTUAL ([ZOOM LINK](#))

AGENDA

- 6:00 Welcome & Approval of Minutes
- 6:10 Deputy Chief's Update
- 6:25 Report on April 19 Cambridge Civic Leadership Celebration
- 6:35 Net Zero Action Plan (NZAP) FY 2025 Review - Quick update
- 6:40 Preview of Food Systems presentation at June meeting
- 6:50 Climate Committee Review of Office of Sustainability work
 - Short Introduction
 - Start Review at July meeting
 - Present findings in the fall
- 7:00 Heat Emergency and NZAP 5-year Update
 - Updates from Staff
 - Next steps to plan community engagement and feedback
- 7:45 Member Updates, then Public Comment
- 8:00 End of Meeting

Current Plan for Upcoming Topics

June 11

- Report on Climate Committee (Chair and NZAP sub-committee) meeting with City Manager & Deputy City Manager
- Food Systems

July 9: Begin review of Office of Sustainability work

August: No meeting

September: Begin review of FY 2026 NZAP Report

Ideas for future meeting topics:

- BEUDO update
- Climate leaders program – do shorter version of their training
- Presentation on doing climate work at the municipal level
- Building envelope education
- Learn about MassSave programs
- Committee goals and next steps on engagement and equity
- Clarify role of Education(Capacity Building) Sub-committee
- Role of Climate Committee with City Council
- Role of Climate Committee with Climate activist organizations

For Reference:

What is the role of the Climate Committee?

The Climate Committee has three roles that help the City reduce climate change impacts, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase equity, and serve as a partner to and example for other communities:

- 1. Provide feedback and ideas to the City on ways to reduce and live with climate change while prioritizing the needs of the most at-risk populations.*
- 2. Share information about City climate programs with community members, listen to community concerns, and raise feedback with City staff so programs effectively serve all community members.*
- 3. Stay informed about the City's climate goals and provide accountability and feedback on barriers and opportunities to improve effectiveness.*

Officer Section of Bylaws

Officers will be elected on an annual basis. Elections will take place in September of each year unless the Committee decides otherwise.

Chair

The chair shall be responsible for setting the agenda in coordination with City staff, for facilitating meetings, for organizing Committee work program and subcommittees in coordination with City staff, and for signing Committee correspondence.

Vice Chair

The vice chair shall assist the chair in his/her duties and fill in for the chair in his/her absence.

Secretary

The secretary shall be responsible for meeting minutes and attendance records.