



NORTHAMPTON ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

AGENDA MARCH 10, 2026

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Location: City Council Chambers, 212 Main St.

OR Virtual meeting at: [Public Meeting Link](#)

OR, for sound only, +1 309-205-3325, Meeting ID: 829 3598 8432, Passcode: 795793

Staff Contact: Ben Weil, Director of Climate Action and Project Administration
Carolyn Misch, Director Office of Planning & Sustainability

Agenda:

- Public comment period
- Review/Approve Minutes (decision) 5 min
- State-wide pesticide/rodenticide ban bill discussion with vote on draft letter to State representatives supporting the bill, 15 min - Gwen Nabad
- Discussion and potential vote on recommending a resolution in favor of the state pesticide/rodenticide bill to be adopted by city council, 15 min - Gwen Nabad
- Discussion about the city's existing herbicide restriction ordinance and the possible need to update, refine and expand it with regard to limiting the use of certain rodenticides, enforcement mechanisms, and exceptions, 15 min - Gwen Nabad with requested contributions from Katie Deppen and Rich Parasiliti
 - The city already does organic management of fields. How is that going? What are the challenges and benefits?
 - City could transition faster to electric landscaping equipment. What transition has already happened? What are opportunities to do this faster?
 - Does the city have any municipal operations policies on Integrated Pest Management? If so what? If not, does NESC have recommendations?
- Reviewing and supporting the ordinance to phase out gas-powered lawn equipment on municipal and private property as recommended by the 2025 Ordinance Review Committee, 5 min - Ben Weil
- Department head updates, 15 min

****Meeting Agenda Subject to Change*****

Status Report (e.g. from a NESC member who has been doing some research, or from a working group) – no decision or action needed, this would just be an update to the NESC for their information and for the record (via minutes)

Decision needed – would culminate in a motion

Action needed – would culminate in an assignment to one or more NESC members

Feedback needed – a member or working group needs informal direction from the NESC

NESC administrative – general discussion on NESC plans, tasks, etc that are not ready for decision or action, but that could lead to future decisions, actions

Voting Members: Ben Weil, Chair • Carolyn Misch, Vice Chair • Katie Deppen • Richard Parasiliti • Tim Smith • Building Department (Louis Hasbrouck) • Kevin Ross • Angie Gregory • Eric Winkler • Rachel Flynn-Kasuba • Christopher Caleb Stratton • Gwenevra Lodi Nabad

Staff advisor, non-voting: Energy and Sustainability Officer, Gabriella Fox