

Agenda, Topics & Attendee List

- 9:00 Introductions
- 9:15 Mission & Objectives—Discussion of draft mission statement:
This process will engage diverse stakeholders in considering energy supply and use from a comprehensive perspective, in characterizing common challenges, in defining shared goals, and in developing tools to inform energy-related decision-making at the individual, local, and regional levels.
- 9:45 “Energy Present”—Review of priority topics for “True Cost” knowledge briefs identified by stakeholders and discussion of processes and procedures for their development, review, approval, dissemination, and application
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 “Energy Future”—Planning of an energy visioning session to examine what the future might look like under varying scenarios and what stakeholders would like the future to look like, in terms of energy supply and use and its effects on economic, environmental, and social conditions
- 11:30 “Energy Transition”—Discussion of future tools and approaches for assessing energy-related options and interventions and for taking action

Priority Topics Identified Via Stakeholder Survey

- Effects of Fossil Fuel Combustion on Air Quality & Public Health
- Possible Impacts of Global Climate Change on Local Communities
- Contributions of Fossil Fuel Combustion to Nutrient Loading in Groundwater & Surface Waters
- Impacts of Energy Costs on Affordability & Competitiveness
- Contributions of Fossil Fuel Combustion to Mercury Concentrations & Fish Contamination
- Effects of Fossil Fuel Reliance on Ecological Communities
- Economic Costs of Externalized Impacts
- Social Ramifications of Externalized Impacts
- Economic Effects of Relying on Energy Imports
- Contributions of Stationary & Mobile Sources and Local, Regional & National Sources to Environmental Quality Problems

Possible Subjects to Address in Knowledge Briefs

- What are the key issues and questions from local and regional perspectives?
- What geographic and temporal scales are relevant?
- What information and data are available or needed to address the questions?
- What is the current state of knowledge?
- What are the key knowledge gaps?
- What can be done at the individual, local, regional, state, and federal levels to address the issues and reduce the “true costs”?

Alternative Scenarios of the Energy Future

- Local climate change scenario
- Regional technology scenario
- Global energy scenario

Possible Scales for Visions

- Entire Cape & Islands region
- Cape Cod
- Nantucket
- Martha’s Vineyard (Renewable Energy Island!)
- Individual towns
- Individual organizations/businesses
- Individuals

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