

# Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency

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## Energy Committee Meeting Minutes 11/7/19 @ TCAD 12:00 pm

Present: Rich John, Mike Sigler, Jennifer Tavares (left at 12:45), Martha Armstrong, Heather McDaniel, Ian Shapiro (guest)

The meeting began at 12:05 PM

Ian Shapiro framed key issues:

- Increase the required savings, change to carbon
- Reduce incentives for multifamily
- Increase incentives for non-residential buildings
- Increase incentives for smaller projects
- Add “Easy Path” (point system)
- Simplify documentation
- Require heat pumps on all IDA multifamily projects (even if not pursuing energy incentive)

Key comments:

- Is the proposed increased incentive for small projects enough to effectively incentivize the energy improvements? Heather will review this and communicate with Ian
- Easy Path was discussed with the following comments:
  - This offers a faster, less expensive approach with easier compliance as compared with the NYSERDA whole building modeling approach
  - NYSERDA approach includes on-site inspections that can improve quality control as compared to East Path
  - The Easy Path points system will be defined in the City of Ithaca’s Green Energy Code Supplement, which is still being reviewed by the City. Therefore, the current draft point system may be adjusted before it is adopted
  - Since the East Path point system is not yet adopted, the Committee requested:
    - the TCIDA’s Enhanced Energy Policy should refer to the City’s Green Energy Code Supplement
    - the final report should include an example based on the current draft Easy Path point system, so that it can be better understood

Steps for moving the draft energy policy forward:

Timeframe	Activity
December 2	Taitem provide final draft to Heather for review prior to inclusion in the December TCIDA board packet (goes out December 4)
December 11	Taitem presents report to the TCIDA board for discussion and acceptance
January XX Date TBD	Taitem create TCIDA’s Enhanced Energy Policy, based on Appendices A, B and C of the accepted report. Submit to Heather at least nine days prior to the January TCIDA board meeting for review and inclusion in the meeting packet.
January XY Date TBD	Taitem present the policy to the TCIDA board for discussion and adoption.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Minutes drafted by MA