

# Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency

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## Energy Committee Meeting Minutes 9/13/19 @ TCAD 2:00 pm

Present: Jennifer Tavares, Rich John, Martha Armstrong, Heather McDaniel, Ian Shapiro (guest)

Absent: Mike Sigler.

The meeting began at 2:05 PM

Ian Shapiro framed key issues:

- Ithaca Green Building policy will require what is now incentivized, so IDA policy should stay a step ahead of the Ithaca Green Building Policy
- Review and clarify program requirements, they should be simple to understand
- Provide better approach to compliance documentation
- Requirements should be affordable
- Likely to phase out the IDA energy policy in 2030 when Ithaca Green Building Policy requires net zero performance

Ian presented slides to guide a detailed discussion. Key comments:

- Policy should set a threshold for enhanced incentives.
- Clarify how to identify size of a project: use square footage or assessed value?
- Heat pumps are not yet affordable for large commercial and industrial space heating. Therefore, should the heat pump approach be required? This could be limited to multi-family projects.
- Discussion of what types of projects could qualify for IDA incentives, and options for compliance: The project should be eligible for IDA incentives. Do not use whole-building compliance paths such as LEED or Passive House.

Steps for moving the draft energy policy forward:

Timeframe	Activity
Late September	Taitem meet with stakeholders (developers) to review the draft policy
Early October	Taitem refine the draft policy
October 10	Committee review the refined draft by email
October 25	Committee provide feedback to Taitem
TBD	Committee meet with Taitem to review integration of comments into final draft policy
November 13	Taitem present the final draft to the IDA board for review and approval
November, if needed	Taitem make final adjustments to the policy to reflect the IDA board's comments, if any

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Minutes drafted by MA