

Respondent: Julia Malakie

Office Sought: Ward 3 Ward Councilor

What are the 3 most important aspects of Newton's Climate Action Plan? (100-200 words)

What are 3 items you would like to see prioritized in the update to the CAP? (100-200 words)

1) Preservation of private and public tree canopy. 2) Piloting neighborhood geothermal. 3) Measuring and reducing total energy demand, recognizing lifecycle impact of electrification infrastructure, energy consumption represented by construction & demolition, and impact of increasing house sizes on production and consumption of home furnishings and consumer goods.

What other ideas, plans, or proposals do you have that will support Newton's Climate Action Plan? (100-200 words)

Protection and expansion of existing tree canopy, public and private, to improve stormwater retention, cool ambient summer temperature, and make walking/biking more pleasant. Have demo permit fees include weight-based component. Provide curbside organics collection combined with alternate week trash and recycling collection.

Do you support the waste reduction goals passed by the City Council in 2022?

Yes

Which of the recommendations of the Sustainable Materials Management Commission's report "Setting the Path to Zero Waste" do you support? (100-200 words)

Weekly organics collection for all, with switch to alternate week trash & recycling collection. At least one smaller size trash cart, with smallest size free, other fees based on cart sizes.

Do you support efforts to encourage National Grid to retire rather than replace existing gas pipe infrastructure?

Yes

Would you support efforts requiring National Grid to repair rather than replace leaking gas pipes?

Yes

Do you support the elimination of the "2-foot rule" that National Grid uses to avoid Grant of Location applications for installing new gas pipes?

Yes

Provide any additional comments on the above (optional)

Have voted against grants of location, although this is not currently effective, in that we are told even a rejection by City Council would not be binding.

Do you support the city moving to electric school buses as quickly as practical? (100-200 words)

Yes "as practical." Currently cost seems prohibitive without grant support, and we would need to acquire land for charging station, in Newton or nearby. We don't even have a long-term solution to where to park school buses.

Do you support the city adopting guidelines that are protective during heat emergencies, i.e. cooling centers? (100-200 words)

Yes