



Medway Energy Committee

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MINUTES

Meeting Notes: October 19, 2016

Meeting Location: High School Cable Studio

Approved: November 16, 2016

1 Call to Order:

Carey Bergeron called the October meeting of the Medway Energy Committee to order at 7:11 PM. The attendees were Carey Bergeron, Shelley Wieler, Matt DeSorbo, Larry Ellsworth, and the Town Energy Manager, Robert (Bob) Weiss.

Attendees:	6/15/16	8/17/16	9/1/16	10/19/16	11/16/16	1/18/17	2/15/17	3/15/17	4/19/17	5/17/17
Energy Manager	X	X	X	x						
Carey Bergeron, Ch	X	X	X	x						
Matt DeSorbo			X	x						
Larry Ellsworth	X			x						
Paul Mahoney										
Shelley Wieler, vice Ch	X	X	X	x						
Sebastian Downs				x						
Diane Borgatti										
John Foresto										
Bob Tucker		X								

2 Update from Medway Energy Manager:

Bob's position is no longer being funded with Green Community grant funding - he doesn't see school involvement as a requirement in his current job description. Now his agreed hours are 24 hrs for Millis, and 16 hrs for Medway / week.

We won Green Community competitive grant in June - 4 projects in town. See budget attached.

1. This will finish all streetlights in town with LEDs. Fewer lights than expected, and more utility money involved than anticipated. Dramatically lower wattage with same lumens. Residential streets will have warmer light coloring, same lumens.

2. Board of Selectmen signed Energy Mgmt System contract for Police Dept. on Monday for controls/software/HVAC/lights. There are 4 EMS in town: Schools (5 bldgs), Town Hall, Library, & now police. All, except schools, report back to single facilities manager for town: Bobby Magee, as well as each dept manager. Installation should complete by mid-November.
3. Building lighting upgrades should begin soon in the Fire Station.
4. Same with Library lights.

Projected annual savings of \$25,810.

Colonial Power presented to Board of Selectmen about Community Aggregation. Charlie Meyers presented concerns - Bob attempted answers: regarding energy load shedding, peak shaving and storage. Both can be addressed in aggregation contracts. Bob recommends we start with a simpler plan. No one wants these issues to increase costs to the consumers. Shelley wants to start simpler & smaller for our consumers in the first year. We can and should address the additional issues in future plans. Larry & Carey voice agreement. Matt sees balancing act in the industry between distribution and generation issues, especially adding in storage.

Board of Selectmen wants MEC to work with Colonial on plan. Bob has contract for distribution along with first draft Plan. **** ACTION ITEM ****

Bob will update aggregation timeline. Looks like spring - we've missed the fall energy auction.

Larry wants us to hold at least one Public Hearing while developing the plan.

Larry & Matt & Sebastian offering to be on sub-committee.

Bob has summary on state's storage initiative.

Bob to reach out to Mark Cappadonna to begin scheduling planning meetings with sub-committee.

****ACTION ITEM****

3 Report from the Chair:

Carey met with Gabrielle Adams, Asst. Superintendant(?), in Medway Schools - connected MEC with high school & middle school green teams. Good potential for cooperation.

Board of Selectmen appointed a new member on Monday Oct 17: Sebastian Downs - lives at the Community Farm. He is LEED-certified in building management & operations, has worked with schools and hospitals, and works doing energy audits for company in Burlington. Sebastian arrived to the meeting at 7:20PM.

Allison told Carey she expects to have a secretary for us by next month.

Carey reported to BoS on 10-17-2016, updated them on our progress, and recommended they enter into a contract with Colonial Power, per our meeting 9/1/2016.

BoS looking especially for MEC help review the contract, load sharing, and battery (storage) issues.

Colonial can work those issues into contract - peak shaving & storage options within the aggregation model. Matt, Larry & Sebastian volunteered to be sub-committee to assist the community aggregation process.

5 Reports from Members:

Matt noted that Exelon got draft plan approval at the state level. May be a good source for a PPA with Colonial.

6 New Business

Shelley moved to **change meeting time to 7:30 instead of 7 pm**. All agree.

Quarterly Newsletter :

- Carey will coordinate;
- Shelley to write Community Aggregation summary & process.
- Larry do Op-Ed on replacing his heating system.
- Sebastian will write about the Mass-Save program.
- Carey will summarize the committee mission, purpose, etc.

7 Review Action Items:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Assigned to</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Update MEC website, check on Google calendar/events	Carey/Bob	Ongoing
Provide Green Communities quarterly report to committee	Bob	Ongoing/4th Oct complete
Subcommittee for preparing list of incentives and rebate opportunities	Larry	Ongoing
Net Metering Agreement progress	Shelley/Bob	Complete
Create quarterly outreach newsletter	Carey	Ongoing
Starter paragraph for newsletter topic	All	Ongoing
Process for Community Aggregation	Shelley	Oct
Distribute Aggregation contract/1st draft plan to MEC	Bob	Immediate
Schedule 1st Comm.Agg plan mtg	Bob	Immediate

8 MEC Meeting Adjournment:

8:03 PM Move to adjourn by Shelley; second by Larry. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Wieler