



Medway Energy Committee

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Robert Tucker, PEDB

Minutes

Meeting Notes: Jan. 20, 2016

Meeting Location: Medway Library Conference Room

Approved: Feb 1, 2016

1 Call to Order: 7:10 PM

The attendees were Carey Bergeron, Shelley Wieler, Larry Ellsworth, John Foresto, and the Town Energy Manager, Robert (Bob) Weiss. Also attending: Charlie Myers

Attendees:	9-16-15	10-21-15	11-18-15	12-17-15	1-20-16	2-17-16	3-16-16	4-20-16	5-18-16	6-15-16
Comments										
Carey Bergeron, Ch	X	X	x	X	X					
Larry Ellsworth	X	X			X					
Shelley Wieler, V Ch	X	X	x		X					
Diane Borgatti	X									
John Foresto	X				X					
Bob Tucker		X	x							
Paul Mahoney			x	X						
Matt Desorbo		X								

2 Approval of Minutes:

none. No quorum at the December meeting - notes will be provided.

3 Presentation: Columbia Gas

Liz Cellucci with Columbia Gas of Mass out of Westboro gave a powerpoint presentation on their Energy Efficiency Outreach efforts. ("Columbia Gas Presentation 1-20-2016"<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B24GUeBzJ19McVRWRkw5eWFYb2hiUVFzX0EwTmE5Yi14MG5j/view?usp=sharing>) They collaborate closely with Eversource and DOER to provide consistent efficiency-enhancing resources among communities: assessments, rebates, incentives, and installations. John asked about incentives to convert from electric to gas heating systems for multi-unit housing. Liz pointed us to MassSave or Eversource.

Committee asked about incentives to get the gas company to lay pipes in new developments. This would be a By-Law issue.

Many ideas for outreach to various groups were raised: COA for assessments and fuel assistance, PEDB for By-Law recommendations, Building Inspector for above-code construction and renovation incentives,

Medway Business Council for commercial/industrial EE incentives. Columbia Gas recently gave Medway a grant for \$8,400 for the Middle School; Eversource gave \$14,400, both of which will be earmarked to an energy efficiency fund.

Columbia Gas is eager to assist with our MassSave outreach: program sponsorship; teacher training grants; team to video-record an assessment and resulting installations in town.

4 Update from Medway Energy Manager:

The annual Green Communities Report for 2015 was submitted to the DOER on time. Shelley moved to approve the report, Larry seconded. No discussion. Unanimous approval. Bob is to back out increased usage from municipal facilities that came online after 2009 to better evaluate if we achieved the 20% reduction in consumption.

Maine Energy Systems wants to present the benefits of their pellet stoves to the committee. The committee declined, as there has not been demand for this type of heat, and we do not want to sponsor individual businesses.

Bob to get the High School solar monitor functioning again.

5 Report from the Chair:

It's time to write the annual report for the committee. Carey will start a Google Doc and asks that all review and contribute.

Carey plans to attend the school's STEM event in March.

6 Reports from Members:

John Foresto wants to introduce the new town communications director, who can coordinate our Facebook page efforts, and plans to coordinate a monthly town newsletter - to which we need to plan to contribute.

7 Ongoing Issues:

Community Aggregation (CA): The MAPC has chosen Good Energy (GEC) to broker community aggregation deals for its communities. GEC made a deal for the SERPA towns at 9.4c (Eversource is currently at 10.8c). Each town would make its own contract through GEC. Options include renewable % and rate. Lively debate about the merits of CA, cost, education, outreach, renewable content, town meeting approval, etc ensued.

Bob brought a sample warrant article. The process would be to have the MEC approve the concept, then FinCom approve the article, the Bd of Selectmen approve the article, then it is presented for the town meeting warrant. Larry suggested that we begin that process with a non-binding ballot question to determine if the community is open to the concept.

The committee agreed to invite GEC to our February meeting to present their programs, and record it live on local cable, including discussion and debate on the benefits for Medway among the committee members.

8 New Business: none

9 Next Meeting: The next MEC meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2016, at 7 PM.

Action	Assigned to	Deadline
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MEC Annual Report	Carey / committee	Feb
Update MEC website	Carey/Bob	Nov
Provide Green Communities quarterly report	Bob	Ongoing
Subcommittee for preparing list of incentives and rebate opportunities	Larry	Ongoing
Paragraph for outreach newsletter	everyone	monthly
Attend Liaison meeting	everyone	before Jan
Review CCA energy supplier options for residents	Larry	Ongoing
Check existence of conduits @ high school	Carey	Dec.
Investigate/report on increased facility use	Bob	Feb
Grant funding for umbrella BMS	Bob	FY 2016
MassSave participation data	Bob	Jan
get HS solar monitor live	Bob	Feb
invite Mass Energy Cons.Alliance to meeting	Shelley	before June
report on Energy Sage website	Shelley	Feb

10 MEC Meeting Adjournment: 9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Wieler