



Medway Energy Committee

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Minutes

Meeting Notes: June 15, 2016
Meeting Location: High School Cable Studio
Approved: November 16, 2016

1 Call to Order:

Carey Bergeron called the June meeting of the Medway Energy Committee to order at 7:05 PM. The attendees were Carey Bergeron, Shelley Wieler, Larry Ellsworth, and the Town Energy Manager, Robert (Bob) Weiss.

Attendees:	6/15/16	8/18/16	9/14/16	10/19/16	11/16/16	1/18/17	2/15/17	3/15/17	4/19/17	5/17/17
Energy Manager	X									
Carey Bergeron, Ch	X									
Matt DeSorbo										
Larry Ellsworth	X									
Paul Mahoney										
Shelley Wieler, vice Ch	X									
Diane Borgatti										
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2 Approval of Minutes:

No minutes ready. We need to get minutes updated, and forward to Town Clerk as well as post on our website.

3 Update from Medway Energy Manager:

Bob will use our direction in communicating with municipal managers as a reference for Colonial Power. Our time frame will be to have all investigations of references for Good Energy and for Colonial completed and the MEC ready to discuss in August. One goal to complete the process as far as getting to market when the market is most favorable (Nov-Jan).

Bob's initial 2-year contract is expiring. He believes towns will renew. Millis looking for 60% of his time. Millis planning to enter municipal aggregation with Good Energy. Charlie Aspinwall

leaving Millis as town manager. Suzanne Kennedy to be temporary TM for Millis. Don Aicardi (Medway School Finance Director) will be negotiating the town's and the school's electric supply contract. The committee wants to encourage renewable content in the town's supply.

Shelley moved: The MEC, as a Green Community committee, authorize its Chair to write a letter to the schools Finance Director to encourage his energy procurement negotiations to include a minimum of 20% renewable content before the expiration of the new contract. Larry seconded. All in favor. ****ACTION ITEM**** Bob will mention to Don immediately.

BANNER: Hire graphic designer, get printed at Ad Print. Use Solarize Medway funds approx. \$270.

4 Report from the Chair:

None.

5 Reports from Members:

Shelley brought the email raffle signup from Pride Day: 26 names.

Larry chose 3 and 9 to distribute 2 solar chargers. Good attendance. Columbia Gas had good stuff & representation all day. Bob attended all day. Shelley, Larry, Paul & Matt helped.

6 New Business

Presentation: Municipal Aggregation – Mark Cappadona of Colonial Power Group

Colonial has made a contract containing “Additionality” with municipalities Lowell & Lancaster.

Plan for community would encourage residential solar owners to aggregate their SREC's – town would incorporate into plan. Supply contract of ‘managed product’ gives max flexibility. Create low, stable rate by a mix of contracts w/varying length.

Baseline product is “Opt-out”; can include an “Opt-In” product that includes more renewables. Alternatively; add slight \$.001 to baseline, and add renewable that is not necessarily Mass-based or create additionality.

Colonial can go to marketplace at any time – max flexibility in mix. Not tied to specific day's market.

Larry concern of message to consumers: we must be clear and specific about rate & stability and green mix. Asking about predictability. Mark comes to us on bid day, looking at “X” rate for 2-yr fix-price; plus “Y” rate for “Z”% green. We can say yes or no. Try again next month – no limit.

Example: 5-yr managed energy contract between town and “supplier”. Purchase 24 months, watch to buy futures and bid within market for good pricing in remaining years. Colonial has consulting contract with town for same period to negotiate with suppliers and advise town based on plan developed with the community reps. Compensated by a mil from all consumers using plan. Eversource pays supplier, supplier pays Colonial. Municipality can receive a portion of a mil for funding energy projects or our manager. Incorporate that into plan as an option for the town, although town not required to take advantage of it. Town can receive the MassSave portion of the bill (overlay and adjunct to plan). The town can then provide grants to own community rather than share those revenues with rest of communities in the service region.

Time-frame discussion:

1. Contract with Agent
 - a. St.Andre’s law firm is familiar with Colonial standard contract
2. Develop plan – 3 weeks
3. (post plan on public notice 15 days before Bd of Selectmen)
4. Board of Selectmen vote on Plan
5. Agent files with DOER – 4-8 weeks
6. DOER approval brought to DPU
7. 30 days to Public Hearing
8. +30-45 days to DPU approval
9. Agent goes to market at any time in the future from then – no limit
10. Supplier contract begins, 30 days for opt-out – Agent fills time with marketing/outreach
11. Town meeting update includes contract rate vs. utility base rate

Bob will contact some communities regarding Colonial. Committee need to send list of questions he should ask. **** ACTION ITEM ****

Potential negatives: utility base source becomes cheaper than our contract. Consumers can opt-out at that time. We can even out the rate annualized rather than seasonal – should still be lower in aggregate. Consumers can then opt back in – only upon next meter reading. Change effectively takes 50-60 days.

Bob to make calls and get report to MEC before August meeting. ****ACTION ITEM ****

Results of our presence at Medway Pride Day on May 16.

Bob Weiss had scored good giveaways from National Gas. The thermal imaging camera and kilowatt meter were available for display, and Carey had printed information sheets for residents. Larry suggested we include a UPC band to scan for more info/access to our website. Shelley purchased 2 solar chargers for the raffle. Only 10 people signed up. The winners were

Shelley moved, Larry seconded to suspend the MEC July meeting. All in favor.

7 Review Action Items:

Action	Assigned to	Deadline
Update MEC website, check on Google calendar/events	Carey/Bob	Ongoing
Provide Green Communities quarterly report to committee	Bob	Ongoing
Subcommittee for preparing list of incentives and rebate opportunities	Larry	Ongoing
Net Metering Agreement progress	Shelley/Bob	Ongoing
Create outreach newsletter	Carey and Larry	May issue complete
Review CCA energy supplier options for residents	Larry	Ongoing
Starter paragraph for newsletter topic	All	Ongoing
Reach out to power co's for give-a-ways	Bob/John	Complete

8 MEC Meeting Adjournment:

9:00 PM Move to adjourn by Carey; second by Larry. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Wieler