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Town of Medway
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 21, 2024– 6:30 pm



Members present: Martin Dietrich, Jason Reposa, Wally Long
David Travalini, Stephanie Carlisle and Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary.
Absent: Dave Fitzgerald

Call to Order

Martin called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Public Comments

There were none.

1. Energy and Sustainability Fund warrant article.

Martin stated he will speak with Michael Boynton but we may not need to have this on the warrant article to set it up.

2. Discussion: Spring newsletter topics and social media blast to publicize newsletter.

Stephanie stated she does not have a draft of the newsletter yet. She would like to put something in about stormwater and some of the upcoming events. Dave T. suggested the possibility of the Conservation Commission sharing a booth with the Medway Energy and Sustainability Committee (MESC) at Medway Pride Day or Earth Day. Dave T. stated he could be the representative for the Conservation Commission. Dave T. suggested having a sustainability or energy saving tip of the month in the newsletter each month. For example, remind people to recycle the plastic bottle cap not just the plastic bottle.

3. Discussion: Upcoming events to attend as a committee and outreach materials.

Martin stated he has not heard back from Todd yet so he is not sure if we can have a booth on Earth Day which is on April 20, 2024. Medway Clean Sweep is on April 27,

2024. Medway Pride Day is on May 18, 2024. Stephanie will sign the MESC for a booth. The re-useable water balloons were a big hit last year and should purchase them again this year. Stephanie stated she has some seeds left. Martin suggested a gift certificate to the farm would be better than a crop share. We can make some fun fact trivia pamphlets to hand out.

4. Discussion: Progress on the 3 key priorities for 2024 (Solar Canopies, Stormwater Education, and Community Engagement).

Solar Canopies- Stephanie stated she does not have an update yet for solar canopies. The RISE people finished their electrification report for the Senior Center and they will send the report to Eversource to review and then to her.

Stormwater -Stephanie stated she usually waits until March, April, & May to discuss stormwater education topics such as rain water and grass clippings etc. **Action item: Martin will talk to the Community Farm about what native plants are best for rain gardens.**

Community Engagement - Dave T. stated there are a lot of people willing to discuss school recycling ideas. **Action Item: Dave T. will attend a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting to bring up the topic of recycling programs at schools. Action Item: Wally will start to look for low budget community outreach programs at school or by zoom.**

Report from Chair

1. Update: Presentation to Finance Committee during their February meeting.

Martin stated he spoke to the Finance Committee and they were very receptive and someone will contact Stephanie. Stephanie stated the Finance Director called her and would like to see data on the cost savings. Stephanie will work on this as soon as she has some time.

2. Update: Committee budget increase request.

Martin stated he put in the increase request and is waiting for approval.

Report from Sustainability Coordinator

1. Update: Recycling and composting.

Stephanie stated the composting piece has to have a Request for Proposals (RFP). Stephanie will have to set up specific things and send it out to companies to get them on the preferred list.

2. Update: Senior Center Electrification Study.

Stephanie stated that RISE finished their study and are going to send the report to Eversource for review and then they will send it to her.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

No meeting minutes were approved at this meeting.

Housekeeping

Action Item: Martin asked that by the next meeting the committee members look through all the town boards and committees and see if there are any they would like to be a liaison for.

Stephanie mentioned Dave T's idea about setting up two meetings per month to ensure a quorum and cancel one of the meetings each month that are not needed. Martin did not think that was a good idea. He suggested that members reach out to their contacts to find additional committee members. **Action Item: Committee members will look to see if they know anyone that might be interested in being on the committee.**

Adjourn

Wally made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm. Jason seconded the motion and all the members stated they were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tracy Rozak