

Board Members
Martin Dietrich, Chair
Wally Long, Vice-Chair
Jason Reposa, Member
David Travalini, Member
David Fitzgerald, Member
Stephanie Carlisle, DPW Staff Contact
Frank Rossi, Bd Sclctmn Liaison
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Preston Gales, School Liason



Town of Medway
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Medway Middle School 45 Holliston Street Door 8
May 8, 2024– 7:00 pm

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

Absent: Dave Fitzgerald

Call to Order

Martin called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Public Comments

There were none.

Discussion: Progress on the 3 key priorities for 2024

Solar Canopies – Stephanie stated Michael Boynton, Town Manager stated the committee should come and speak at the June 3rd Select Board meeting at 7pm regarding the electrification study of the senior center. We recommend adding a solar canopy in the parking lot and converting to electrical heat pumps in the senior center. We have the preliminary costs. Stephanie will put together a slide presentation. Marty and Wally will attend the meeting with her.

Stormwater Education- Stephanie emailed the committee the slides from the Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA) presentation “Clean Water, Climate Resilience in Medway” which was presented to the Medway Democratic Committee. Stephanie spoke to Emily Norton, Executive Director of CRWA, who stated the MESC does a lot of great work and should work on promoting it more. Stephanie will ask for the Democratic Committee’s email so we can send them our newsletter. Stephanie mentioned a new proposal for commercial and industrial properties with more than one acre will have their own version of a storm water permit.

Community Engagement - Wally stated that speakers are extremely expensive. Marty suggested checking with local colleges. We could spend a couple hundred dollars for a

35-45 minute speaker for an event during the school day. Stephanie suggested having a speaker at an auditorium, maybe have Black Earth do a presentation. Dave T. thinks it would be best to start your own recycling program. Wally suggested a 5 minute presentation before a summer movie night.

Meeting with other boards and committees – Dave T. stated he does not have an update. He will try and speak with Dayna Gill this week.

Meeting/ Liaisons to other committees- - Marty will be the liaison to the Select Board. Dave T. will be the liaison for the Conservation Commission, the Community Preservation Committee, and the Facilities Review Committee. Wally will be the liaison for the Medway Parent Teach Organization and the Capital Improvement Planning Committee. Jason will be the liaison for the Open Space Committee.

Spring Newsletter engagement metrics – Stephanie stated we have 32 subscribers, a 13 percent click rate and an 87 percent open rate. Wally suggested handing out business cards with the MESC logo and a QR code at events like Medway Pride Day. Then we could ask them for their email for our newsletter. Dave T. suggested having a committee member tag along to an event like “Coffee with a Select Board Member”. Marty suggested putting a reminder in town mailings.

Upcoming events to attend as a committee and outreach materials

Medway Pride Day: Saturday, May 18th 10am – 2pm

Marty can attend the event. Wally purchased 40 reusable water balloons and Stephanie suggested getting another 80 more water balloons. Dave T. stated that Conservation Commission has some money they could use for seedlings. Stephanie stated it is too late to put in an order for that.

Discussion: Exploration of “Mini-Forest” opportunity at Idylbrook Park.

Dave T. contacted the DPW in Cambridge, they have the largest Mini Forest in the northeast. Stephanie and he will make a field trip to Cambridge to see their forest and talk to them about how they did it.

Marty suggested reaching out to the Scouts because they have to do conservation projects throughout the year or maybe it could even be an Eagle Scouts project. Dave T. stated the Conservation Commission will oversee the project but they may ask the Garden Club and other clubs to help with maintenance.

• Report from Chair

Marty stated they did a great job at Earth Day at the Community Farm.

• Report from Sustainability Coordinator

Update: Quarterly energy consumption report

Stephanie presented a slide on the screen and stated we are doing pretty well but she only has data through February for the schools so the number will go up.

Update: Town Solid Waste and Recycling Program

Stephanie stated she is still working on this.

Black Earth Request for Proposals

Stephanie stated she does not have an update on this.

Update: McGovern Solar Roof Array

Stephanie stated this is not in a great place right now. She is trying to schedule a meeting with SOLECT. Stephanie stated other towns are moving away from PPAs and buying it outright.

Approval of April 17, 2024 meeting minutes as amended.

Jason made a motion to approve the April 17, 2024 meeting minutes as amended. Wally seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Schedule a meeting with the Select Board to reduce the number of committee members to 5.

A meeting has been scheduled for June 3rd 7pm.

Marty Dietrich and Dave Travalini membership renewal reminder

The committee needs to know if they are renewing their membership by the end of the month.

Other:

Wally suggested asking the Medway Farm if they would be interested in having a sample rain garden for people to see how it works. Marty will follow up with this.

Adjourn

Wally made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Jason seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tracy Rozak