



Medway Energy Committee

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Meeting Minutes: November 28, 2012
Medway Senior Center

Approved: January 16, 2013

Call to Order: This meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Shelley Wieler at 7:03 p.m. In addition to the attending MEC members, Suzanne Kennedy, Susy Affleck Childs, Glenn Trindade and Dave D'Amico were present.

Attendees:	9/19/12	10/17/12	11/28/12	1/16/13	2/13/13	3/20/13	4/17/13	5/15/13	6/19/13
Shelley Wieler	X	X	X						
Diane Borgatti		X							
Dave Brownell	X	X	X						
Peter Cooper	X	X	X						
Charlie Myers	X	X	X						
Robert Tucker	X	X	X						
John Foresto	X		X						

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Charlie Myers, seconded by John Foresto, to approve the meeting minutes of October 17, 2012. The motion was approved unanimously.

Review Green Community Annual Report Draft:

Susy Affleck-Childs presented the Medway Green Communities Annual Report information to the group. This report documents the actions taken by Medway relevant to its Green Communities Program obligations and summarizes our municipal energy use and the specific programs implemented to reduce the Towns energy consumption. Also included is the Town Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy with an inventory of all town vehicles as of June 30, 2012.

Suzanne Kennedy presented a Financial Report Spreadsheet for the Medway Green Community Grant program updated through October 26, 2012. This financial summary shows that a balance of approximately \$16,000 remains of the grant funds. This remaining money is expected to be used to fund a demonstration LED streetlight program. Peter Cooper said that we need to be sure the LED fixtures will meet highway standards. David D'Amico said that the project would use mostly 50 W bulbs, with a few fixtures with 150 W or 300 W bulbs. The lights would be installed on all of Summer and Holliston Streets.

Shelley Wieler indicated that the next Green Communities program funding solicitation will be in the March/May 2013 timeframe, but the exact timing needs to be confirmed.

Suzanne said that the MAPC (Municipal Area Planning Council) Solarize MA program is looking to identify up to four vendors to implement the next round of net metering solar projects. If an MAPC program is done within Medway it would need to be sited on Town owned property. A solar array can be sized for an area density of 250 kW per acre and a reasonable project size would be about 4 MW.

Susy said that Solarize MA is likely to offer a third round of discounted solar panel installations for homeowners.

Discussion of Municipal Power Aggregation with Michael Adler:

Michael Adler, President of GridSmart Energy, provided the MEC with a presentation on the potential benefits that Medway could receive if it decided to participate with a Municipal Power Aggregation program. Michael explained that in 1997 Massachusetts allowed deregulation for the supply of electric power to people within its cities and towns.

Michael can negotiate a Municipal Power Aggregation supply cost that is about 3-4% lower than what is normally available to the homeowners in Medway. If implemented, each homeowner currently using the standard supplier of electricity would receive two postcards, one to notify them that the plan is to go into effect and another that allows them to opt out. Any residential customer that currently uses a non-default supplier of electricity would not be affected.

Michael said that the homeowners would likely see a small reduction in the cost of electricity, but the more significant benefit is that the Town would receive about \$34,000 per year that can be applied to sustainability projects. Michaels Company would receive a similar amount as a fee for negotiating the lower cost supply contracts. As the consultant, Michael will pay for any needed attorney fees. The other costs incurred during the 6-12 month startup period would be covered by the consultant.

In addition to negotiating the supply agreements, GridSmart Energy would be interested in bidding on subsequent sustainability projects. Suzanne Kennedy said that any such programs would need to go through the RFP process to be contracted for by the town.

TNT Audit Report:

This agenda item is to be continued with the TNT audit document being made available to the MEC members.

Report from the Chair:

Shelley Wieler met with a number of individuals of other towns at an MAPC group meeting about Solarize MA. Shelley met with Suzanne Kennedy to discuss municipal projects. Also, DOER is offering a number of webinars that may be of interest to the group.

Suzanne said other Medway town groups appreciated our information but cannot participate in regular meetings. Susy indicated that Tri Valley Commons is a project in Medway that the MEC may be interested in advising on energy related issues.

Review Action Items:

The Committee reviewed the action items from the October 17, 2012 meeting and identified those that are still outstanding.

Outstanding Action Items:

Action	Assigned to	Deadline
TNT audit and reprioritize Town's wish list for next round of Green Community funding. John Foresto will verify Report is available to MEC.	Erin/Shelley/John	ongoing
Obtain copy of draft LEAP from Erin	Shelley	January
Forward RFQ relative to net metering to the committee	Erin	ASAP
Quarterly GC Reports by Town with copies to MEC	Susy	Quarterly
Forward Marshfield's RFQ documents relative to net metering to the committee	Dave V.	ASAP
Add Shelley as administrator to committee's Google group	Michelle	ASAP

Future MEC Meeting Dates:

The committee agreed to meet next on January 16, 2012 at 7:00 PM. We will not meet in December.

Adjournment: With no further business before this Committee, a motion was made and unanimously passed to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Brownell
Acting Night Board Secretary