



Medway Energy Committee

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Meeting Minutes: April 17, 2013
Medway High School, 138-3

Approved: May 15, 2013

Call to Order: This meeting was called to order by Chair Shelley Wieler at 7:05 p.m. The meeting was attended by the indicated MEC members, Carter Wall from Broadway Renewable Strategies, Dave Verdolino, and invited guest Steve Meliniak.

Attendees:	9/19/12	10/17/12	11/28/12	1/16/13	2/13/12	3/20/12	4/17/12	5/15/12	6/19/12
Shelley Wieler	X	X	X	X	X	no	X		
Diane Borgatti		X		X	X	meeting	X		
Dave Brownell	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Peter Cooper	X	X	X	X			X		
Charlie Myers	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Robert Tucker	X	X	X	X					
John Foresto	X		X	X	X		X		

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Charlie Myers, seconded by Dave Brownell, to table the meeting minutes of February 13, 2013 to the next meeting May 15, 2013 in order to fill in missing motions. The motion was approved unanimously.

Broadway Renewable Strategies Presentation: Carter Wall attended meeting to review the site on the Energy Committee webpage that ties into the kiosk at the High School and Middle School, as well as discuss the installation at both schools. We found that the Middle School link has been working, however the High School link shows no update recently (kiosk is fine). When information was distributed to committee members showing comparative kwg for January through March 2011 thru 2013, the percentage of actual over modeled expected performance each year. Carter stated that the good weather is what helps performance numbers. Charlie asked why there was a shortage on actual at High School as compared to Middle School in December 2012, Dave Verdolino stated there were issues in December, unsure of cause. During construction, panels needed to be removed and reinstalled. Broadway not worried about changing/modifying the plan due to reinstalled panels. Jeff Wooten has been looking into areas with potential for more panels in open locations, he has been working with the town committee members including Dave D’Amico, Dave Verdolino, Suzy Affleck-Childs, and Suzanne. As far as installation packages Charlie asked when site isn’t producing, what technology is used to notify. According to Carter; analytics send an alert to her via an app as well as absolute analytics personally, by comparing locations close to each other, as well as modeling historic data. Discussion arose regarding energy storage coverage, will it cover the grid? According to Carter, storage for regulation markets are on spinning reserve, New England is a small market, not too worried at this point. Carter also asked how the solar street lights are working out. She then offered to guide tours at the Middle School and High School for the students to get an onsite look at the installation and how it all works. Diane was going to mention at her next meeting.

Discussion of Water Treatment Plant: As motioned by Charlie Myers and seconded by Chair Shelley Wieler; article 20 needs modification on floor. Article does not state PPA.

Discussion of Draft LEAP Plan: The Board of Selectmen ratified the plan at the March meeting. Offering Energy Evaluations solicit to towns people of doing work. Chair Shelley Wieler did not endorse any vendors as she was awaiting endorsements from MAPC. Peter Cooper had Next Step Living come to his home and take an estimate. Although the team was nice, there was some disorganization in what should have been done in an afternoon took two visits to the home. Peter did say they are the new kid on the block and are pushing all the buttons they can to expand their business. Shelley has put on her action items to invite a person from CSG to come speak at an MEC meeting (as a third vendor option).

Discussion - Regional/Solarize Mass: Steve Meliniak has volunteered to assist Dan Cooper to be community coach, Erin and Ani were instrumental in gathering documentation. The effort is moving forward, should be receiving money soon for marketing (Thermometer banner), looking at 6 months to get it done. Clean energy center is looking for select group of vendors to submit qualifications to 10 towns including Medway. The submissions will be reviewed and top three will be chosen by May 1st, they would like to have vendors and communities matched by May 10th. A Solar Consultant also gets involved in this process. Solarize Mass group will be ready by Pride Day May 18th with a vendor table, should be a press release coming soon. As Solarize Mass gets people to sign up, it turns into viral marketing, this has proven true in previous towns that have driven the product.

Discussion – NetMetering: As motioned by Charlie Myers and seconded by Chair Shelley Wieler, the net metering agreement is in need of revisions. Also the net metering cap is getting close therefore, trying to get projects completed soon. State has advised that what comes next after cap is it will be extended dependent on the budget cycle calendar and utility rate discussion.

Update on Regional Energy Manager: Sharing an Energy Manager with Sherborn was discussed. Discuss with town getting more money from Municipal Aggregation budget. Charlie Myers stated that he doesn't want to tie a Regional manager for town. There should be two separate discussions one regarding Regional and the other Town. MAPC could help manage/supervise the position. If Medway was to be part of a regional effort, Sherborn is out of reach. Charlie believes that the region to join should be; Millis, Milford, Medway, Bellingham. If Medway only needs a part time position. Dave Brownell suggested advocating more monies from Green Communities budget toward Administration, need to have a grant written for monies rather than aggregation which may backfire. If cannot get backing from community up front, it will be a challenge. Charlie stated that with ever changing technologies, we need a manager to track, see how to save the town money.

Fuel Efficient Vehicles: Discussion regarding fuel efficient vehicles was between Charlie Myers and John Foresto. As mentioned in warrant articles under other items of meeting, there will be approximately \$75,000 for the town to purchase three vehicles. Charlie Myers proposed as betterment charge to install plug-ins at commercial buildings, shopping centers, residential apartment buildings, and other buildings where handicapped parking is accessible. Charlie states this will pay in dividends as it deploys. This will be discussed further at May meeting as John Foresto couldn't stay for whole meeting.

Report from the Chair: Shelley invited Carter Wall from Broadway Renewable Strategies to join meeting and give presentation on their services for schools and town.

Report from Members: Dave Brownell donating Energy Conservation book to library. Also would like to get the author from Millis to come speak at the library.

Continuing Education: Reminder to save the date; May 31st at the Federal Reserve Plaza in Boston is holding the MAPC Clean Energy Forum

Action Items: (Former completed Items removed)

Action	Assigned to	Deadline
Invite Conservation Services Group to speak at upcoming meeting.	Shelley	ASAP
Send link to all members to comply with online ethics	Shelley via Michele	ASAP
Meet to compare completed TNT action items and prioritize the remaining TNT energy saving measures to consider	John, Susy, Dave D'Amico	ASAP
Add webinars to MEC website	Secretary	Ongoing
Provide Green Communities quarterly report to committee	Shelley	Each Quarter
Review how files can be stored on Town Website	John	ASAP
Job Description – Regional Energy Manager	Charlie	ASAP

Future MEC Meeting Dates:

The committee agreed to meet next on May 15, 2013 at 7:00 PM. Medway High School Rm 138-3. The following meeting will be on June 19, 2013 at 7:00 same location. July and August meetings to be postponed for summer vacations.

Adjournment: Dave Brownell moved, and Diane Borgati seconded, to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Green Communities Grants: According to Charlie Myers; The State needs to audit and won't happen before next grant proposal date. Dave Brownell suggested lets push and see what can be done as Medway has been waiting on the State. Dave recalls that the budget per Suzy was \$128,000, the formula depends on size of town and population to get the fixed base. Chair Shelley Wieler stated to stay on plan. There was discussion amongst group as to whether the town has resources to submit a grant, it was questionable, Gino can write a grant but to have an Energy Manager would be much more resourceful.

Other items: A. Started meeting with John Foresto reviewing warrant articles.

2nd article: Three police cruisers going to auction in order to bring in \$75,000 for fuel efficient vehicles for town. These according to John will be Ford make vehicles. Charlie suggested electric as maintenance is less expensive and also stated that Honda hybrids have good record and can certainly get three with \$75,000

B. Suggested Memberships: Chair Shelley Wieler suggested Bob Ferrari (Housing Authority Representative) to join MEC, he will need to submit an application but seemed quite interested. Chair Shelley Wieler also suggested Steve Meliniak (ties to Solarize Mass) Charlie Myers stated it could be a conflict of interest but where it is a volunteer position it may not be a problem.

C. Medway Pride Day was discussed to see if MEC needed to have a separate presence there, the answer was no unanimously.

D. Chair Shelley Wieler asked members if they had time to notice the new lights installed on Summer and Holliston Streets, was interested in feedback.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele P. Grant
Night Board Secretary