



Medway Energy Committee

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Meeting Minutes: January 16, 2013
Medway High School

Approved: 2/13/13

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 and by Bob Ferrari, Chair Housing Authority, David D'Amico, Susy Affleck-Childs, Joel of Medway Community Farm and David Verdolino.

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					
Diane Borgatti		X		X					
Dave Brownell	X	X	X	X					
Peter Cooper	X	X	X	X					
Charlie Myers	X	X	X	X					
Robert Tucker	X	X	X	X					
John Foresto	X		X	X					

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Charlie Myers, seconded by John Foresto, to approve the meeting minutes of November 28, 2012. The motion was approved unanimously.

Presentation of Draft LEAP Plan

Erin Brandt and Helen Aki from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) provided a presentation for the draft Local Energy Action Plan (LEAP) developed for Medway. This is a three part plan including, Part 1) Evaluate Energy Profile, Part 2) Energy Action Strategies and Part 3) Appendix of methods used. Following the presentation, Erin recommended that the MEC select the next step projects sometime in February. The LEAP grant that MAPC has to support Medway will run for about one more year.

Shelley requested that all MEC members provide feedback on the LEAP actions by the February MEC meeting.

Discussion – Municipal Power Aggregation:

The committee reviewed the issues associated with the proposed Municipal Power Aggregation (MPA) plan. While the MPA would provide a means to fund energy conserving programs, it was decided that using this approach now would be premature. The MPA would transfer the electric supplier for many Medway customers to a lower cost supplier but the cost savings would be limited and it was decided that

more time for education would be needed before the MPA could be properly considered by the Town residents.

Charlie Myers placed the following motion before the MEC: “The MEC recommends to the BOS that the MPA be reviewed again by the end of 2013.” The motion was seconded by Diane Borgatti and was passed unanimously.

Furthermore, Charlie Myers made the following motion: “The MEC offers our recommendations on the prioritization of the energy conserving actions for 2013 to the BOS. These recommended priorities are:

- 1) Initiate the Municipal Net Metering Solar Program;
- 2) Implement recommended items from the TNT Audit. The MEC will develop a more detailed course of action that will be recommended to the CIPC and BOS.
- 3) Use the MAPC to help us implement LEAP document and coordinate a program with vendors, such as Next Step Living, to implement energy saving programs.”

This motion was unanimously passed.

Review of TNT Audit

A discussion of the TNT Municipal Energy Audit ensued. Peter Cooper said that the TNT Audit used differing approaches to evaluate the energy savings for certain items, in some cases using electric rates that are higher than we currently have. The TNT recommendation for a Memorial School energy control system has been submitted to the CIPC. An LED streetlight demonstration program is also being implemented.

John Foresto, Susy Affleck-Childs and David D’Amico agreed to review what TNT Audit items have been done. Susy recommended that a representative of MEC speak to the CIPC on 1-17-2013 as they will be meeting and making decisions regarding these topics.

Action Items:

Action	Assigned to	Deadline
Review TNT audit and reprioritize Town’s wish list for next round of Green Community funding. Verify Report is available to MEC.	Erin/Shelley	Completed
Meet to compare completed TNT action items and prioritize the remaining TNT energy saving measures to consider	John, Susy, Dave D’Amico	ASAP
Forward info on annual mileage related to retired police cruisers to be included in annual report	John	Completed
Obtain copy of draft LEAP from Erin	Shelley	Completed
Track down status of net metering RFQ	Shelley	ASAP
Forward RFQ relative to net metering to the committee	Susy	ASAP
Add webinars to MEC website	Shelley	ASAP
Forward Marshfield’s RFP documents relative to net metering to the committee	Dave V.	Completed
Provide Green Communities quarterly report to committee	Shelley	Each Quarter
Look into setting up energy related book section for Library	David B.	ASAP
Add Shelley as administrator to committee’s Google group	Michelle	Completed
Review how files can be stored on Town Website	John	ASAP

Report from the Chair:

Shelley attended a regional clean energy meeting.

Report from Members:

John Foresto said that the Medway Clean Sweep for Earth Day will take place on April 27th. He is looking for volunteers from the MEC to participate.

Continuing Education:

Charlie Meyers suggested that energy related webinars from DOER and others be archived on the MEC website.

Future MEC Meeting Dates:

The committee agreed to meet next on February 13, 2013 at 7:00 PM. Location is to be determined.

Adjournment: With no further business before this Committee, John Foresto made a motion to adjourn. David Brownell seconded and the motion was unanimously passed to at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Brownell
Acting Night Board Secretary