



# Medway Energy Committee

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*Lawrence Ellsworth,  
 Member*

**Meeting Minutes: September 18, 2013  
 Medway High School, 138-3**

**Approved: Nov.20,2013**

**Call to Order:** This meeting was called to order by Chair Shelley Wieler at 7:15 p.m.

<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>9/18/13</b>	<b>10/16/13</b>	<b>11/20/13</b>	<b>12/18/13</b>	<b>1/15/14</b>	<b>2/19/14</b>	<b>3/19/14</b>	<b>4/16/14</b>	<b>5/21/14</b>	<b>6/18/14</b>
<b>Shelley Wieler</b>	X									
<b>Diane Borgatti</b>										
<b>Dave Brownell</b>	X									
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<b>Carey Bergeron</b>	X									
<b>Larry Ellsworth</b>	X									

**Welcome New Members:** Welcome Medway Energy Committee’s newest members Carey Bergeron and Larry Ellsworth. Carey comes to the Committee with past experience after serving on the Brookline Committee, she has energy related experience as an Engineer and Attorney. She is a Medway resident now with a young family and enjoys being part of a new green community. Larry has been a resident of Medway and has served on FinCom and other committees. Welcome Carey and Larry.

**Meeting Minutes:** A motion to approve June minutes was postponed due to no quorum of meeting attendees.

**Update Solarize Mass:**

There was a delay in the program in July due to confusion about the SREC program. The current SREC program credit 1 SREC/1000 KWh of metered production, and is fully subscribed. However, new interpretation by the Mass DOER will insist that qualifying projects must be 100kw or less, and must break ground in 2013. The future SREC program systems are expected to offer an SREC per much higher production output, around 2500 KWh.

The end date for the Solarize Medway program to sign contracts is September 30<sup>th</sup>. Due to the SREC delay, and the fact that the program began a month late, we need to lobby for an extension to the program deadline. CEC have committed verbally to extend to October 31.

The Chair received a letter from Jeff Herman (currently doing installs independently of the Solarize Medway program), he would like to voice his concerns that some contracts are not the best deal possible. We have a credible vendor and are positioned well in our opinion.

Thanks to the purchase of 1720kw at Medway Mills, the community is now at Tier 5, lowest pricing. Medway is booking into November for installs.

**Action Items: (Completed Items Removed)**

Action	Assigned to	Deadline
Forward By-law discussion items to LEAP group for input	Shelley	ASAP
Build a spreadsheet for Grant ideas and prioritize	Shelley & Michele	October
Review how files can be stored on Town Website	Michele speak to IT	Ongoing
See what by-laws need to be written/incorporated into stretch code as there is only 6 months left to current code	Shelley	Ongoing
Gather a list of incentive ideas to see what is feasible and meet again with DEP in fall. Warrant closed 9/13 for November.	MEC members	Call in PEDB for November meeting
Provide Green Communities quarterly report to committee	Susy	Each Quarter
Communicate list of incentives to residents that do not have the solar option. HVAC products, Utility savings and how	Sub-Committee	Ongoing
Review what monies still have from LEAP grant (speak to Erin)	Susy	Fall meeting
Invite Conservation Services Group to speak at future meeting	Shelley	Invite Issued
Invite Capital Improvement Committee to future meeting	Shelley	Invite Issued
Net metering progress report from Regional Energy Manager sub-committee	Larry & Shelley	Ongoing
Write letter to Dave Verdolino regarding ongoing night energy usage, summer months should decrease usage.	Shelley	October
Draw up a graph of usage at schools through summer months	Dave	October
MA Energy Insight	Dave	October
Reiterate short term energy audit payback items to Dave	Shelley via Susy	October

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Recommend to town green tag for all email messages. This "tag" to be advocated by MEC. Gather suggestions to consider environment.	Committee	Ongoing

**Report from the Chair:**

- Shelley briefly described what has been on the agenda in 2013 to the new members and caught them up on Solarize MASS efforts as well as the LEAP Plan grant process.
- Shelley advised that the LEAP staff is ready to help write grant applications if needed for energy-related projects.
- The parade was discussed briefly as 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Energy was going to be in the parade with a fuel efficient Toyota Prius and a banner, had hopes of getting committee members to possibly walk with the banner.
- There has been no feedback from community regarding the new LED street lights. This is good news.
- MAPC helping with regional development of LED street lights. Charlie mentioned they should include lights at schools as well as parking lots for the LED Light Grant.
- MAPC is promoting hiring Regional Energy Managers; they are working with the towns of Arlington and Bedford to write the job description, how to allocate hours and responsibilities by town. Susy Affleck-Childs and Suzanne Kennedy are working with MAPC to find and hire appropriate person.
- Chad Laurent had suggested to contact Borego from the Plimpton Project regarding Net metering.
- Charles River Pollution Control Group has shown recent interest in Green Communities goals.
- DOER has a new grant opportunity for Owner/Agents/Tech Expert to investigate specific options for communities.

**Report from Members:**

- Charlie advised that the town now has four fuel efficient vehicles on order for inspectors and schools, the vehicles are three Ford Fusions and one Ford Escape. According to Charlie the Cities and State are all going to participate in a group to set a mandate goal. The State is hoping to have 150 vehicles in place by 2015.

**Old Business:**

The budget for the Energy Committee was not fulfilled at the annual town meeting. Shelley motioned to request a warrant article for funding appropriation for the MEC at the fall town meeting. Charlie amended to request \$800 budget for appropriation, Larry seconded, and vote in favor was unanimous.

**Future Meeting Topics:**

- Discussion on PEDB by-law efficiency recommendations
- Discuss CIPC requests. Their mailing deadline is upcoming for 2015 – the Capital Improvement Planning Committee needs to make Energy Efficiency part of their mission. Mission Statement for MEC is to invite CIPC members to October meeting. If they push back, we will send a volunteer from the committee to evaluate the proposals etc.

**Future MEC Meeting Dates:**

The meeting dates through the end of 2013 are: October 16, November 20, and December 18.

**Adjournment of MEC meeting:** Shelley motioned to adjourn at 8:50pm, Charlie moved, and Larry seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele P. Grant  
Night Board Secretary