



Medway Energy Committee

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Meeting Notes: October 15, 2014
Middle School Room 1319 Door #4
Approved: November 19, 2014

1 Call to Order:

The October meeting of the Medway Energy was called to order by Carey Bergeron at 7:30 PM. The attendees were Carey Bergeron, Shelley Wieler, David Brownell, Larry Ellsworth and the new Town Energy Manager, Robert (Bob) Weiss. Peter Cooper has resigned from the committee after serving since its inception.

Attendees:	1/15/14	2/19/14	3/19/14	4/16/14	5/21/14	6/18/14	9/17/14	10/15/14	11/19/14	12/17/14
Comments		No meeting			No meeting		No Quorum			
Carey Bergeron, Ch	X					X	X	X		
Dave Brownell	X		X	X		X	X	X		
Peter Cooper	X			X		X				
Larry Ellsworth	X		X			X		X		
Shelley Wieler, Act. Ch	X		X	X		X	X	X		
Carole Bernstein										
John Foresto			X			X				
Bob Tucker	X		X	X		X				

2 Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the June 18, 2014 minutes was made by Larry Ellsworth and seconded by Shelley Wieler. These minutes were unanimously approved.

The MEC meeting on September 17, 2014 did not achieve a quorum so the notes from this informal meeting were presented by David without a vote.

3 Medway Energy Manager:

The new Medway Energy Manager, Bob Weiss, provided an introduction to the participating MEC members. Bob has worked as a representative for the Mass Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council and has worked on a variety of Real Estate projects. Bob has LEED AP, Neighborhood Development credentials.

Bob discussed the recent Green Community Grant award which totaled \$205,000. He discussed the breakdown for how these funds will be applied to the town energy projects. Bob also discussed the Net Metering Agreement issues and possible Outreach Programs. Shelley suggested looking into the possibility of encouraging the Charles River Pollution organization to utilize improved energy conserving equipment. Project Green and energy assistance organizations like Mass Save were discussed in terms of possible town energy conservation outreach efforts.

Bob solicited ideas from the MEC regarding how he could support the town. David suggested having discussions with the heads of the Town departments to discuss their perspectives for the energy use at the facilities under their control. Larry suggested reviewing the TNT Audit data prior to having these discussions.

4 Report from the Chair:

Carey discussed the MAPC presentation which occurred during our September meeting (without a quorum) on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). Shelley suggested that with CCA the Town could identify the best green energy supplier and make this the default supplier for the residents of the town, while still providing an opt-out option to each residence.

David said that he is concerned that many citizens would not be happy to have their energy supplier changed without the change being initiated by them. Also, if rates for this supplier rose over the rate of their prior supplier the residents may be upset with the town. Shelley said that the current system lets the utilities set the default energy provider now and the Town may be able to evaluate the supplier options better. Larry suggested that a test case using 100 residents might be a way to see if the plan would be accepted by the town. This would also get the citizens of the town involved.

Larry suggested that the MEC might offer an outreach newsletter that could be distributed along with the water bills. We could include info on utility energy suppliers in such a newsletter as well as encourage energy saving measures. Carey said that she does a newsletter for her job now.

Carey submitted a draft of a modified mission statement. A motion to vote to accept Carey's edits to the Energy Committee Mission Statement was made by David and seconded by Larry. This motion was carried unanimously.

5 Report from Members:

David discussed the possibility of having the MEC assist the Town with evaluating the metered water shortfall. David has corresponded with David D'Amico regarding this topic and Mr. D'Amico has suggested that the town would appreciate help with resolving the issue. The Assessor's office has a database on the lots in town with buildings on them and the Board of Health has a database with lots using well water. Mr. D'Amico suggested the town could use help in crosschecking these databases to see what lots are likely water users that are not metered.

Carey expressed a concern that if the MEC were to perform this audit that it might reflect negatively on the committee. Shelley said that this activity fall within our charter and we would only be providing information to the town that could conserve water use.

David said that he would contact David D’Amico to see if he could provide any database information to Bob Weiss so the group could act on it.

6 Review Action Items:

The review of the action items indicated below was postponed until the next MEC meeting.

Action	Assigned to	Deadline
Update MEC website, check on Google calendar/events	Shelley/Carey	Ongoing
Provide Green Communities quarterly report to committee	Suzy	Ongoing
Subcommittee for preparing list of incentives and rebate opportunities	Larry	Ongoing
Net Metering Agreement progress – Ask Suzanne to issue press release regarding this	Shelley	Ongoing
Identify energy conserving measures for Thayer Building	Dave	Completed
Night Board Secretary Ad	Carey	September
Assess how to use IR Scanner for town	Dave	November
Develop new MEC mission statement	Carey	Completed
Arrange for postings to be sent to ToM Website	John	ASAP
Create outreach newsletter	Carey and Larry	Ongoing
Review CCA energy supplier options for residents	Larry	November
Coordinate possible audit of water use	David	Ongoing

7 MEC Meeting Adjournment:

Larry moved to adjourn the meeting and Shelley seconded this. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Brownell