



Medway Energy Committee

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Minutes

Meeting Notes: February 24, 2015
Meeting Location: High School Library
Approved: March 25, 2015

1 Call to Order:

Carey Bergeron called the February meeting of the Medway Energy Committee to order at 7:15 PM. The attendees were Carey Bergeron, Shelley Wieler, David Brownell, John Foresto and the Town Energy Manager, Robert (Bob) Weiss. Bob Tucker, PEDB and Jack Mee, Building Commissioner also attended the meeting.

Attendees:	6/18/14	9/17/14	10/15/14	11/19/14	12/17/14	1/21/15	2/24/15	3/18/15	4/15/15	5/20/15
Comments		No Quorum								
Carey Bergeron, Ch	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Dave Brownell	X	X	X	X		X	X			
Larry Ellsworth	X		X	X	X					
Shelley Wieler, Act. Ch	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Carole Bernstein										
John Foresto	X			X	X	X	X			
Bob Tucker	X				X		X			

2 Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the January 21, 2015 minutes was made by Shelley Wieler and seconded by Carey Bergeron. Bob Tucker asked that the attendance chart be corrected. These minutes were unanimously approved.

3 Update from Medway Energy Manager:

The Medway Energy Manager, Bob Weiss, advised the Blue Wave Capital presentation to the School Committee would take place tomorrow. There was a discussion regarding the lack of response from Charles River Pollution Control District regarding Net Metering. John Foresto will keep pursuing this with the CRPCD. Car Port Solar installations were discussed. It was agreed that the Selectmen and School Committee should be notified that the MEC does not support this project at this time. The MEC believes it is premature but MEC believes the topic is open for discussion. Bob will notify Don Cardi to update him.

Bob introduced Jack Mee, Building Commissioner and offered Jack as a resource for any future projects. A discussion took place on the Stretch Code and Jack's experiences with current builders, developers and in his prior position with the Town of Walpole.

Net Metering Credit sales and information from three companies were discussed. It appears that one vendor Berigo seemed to offer a more favorable discounted rate is much further along with their projects, more experienced and are ready to go. Town Administrator Boynton is in the process of negotiating a contract with Berigo. The contract will then be presented to CRPCD and they will negotiate themselves.

The Memorial School Competitive Grant for FY 2015/2016, which provides LED Street lights and an automated energy management system was discussed. Shelley will reach out to Don to discuss the Town's history with Trane and ask Don to strong arm to get a better deal.

Bob has spoken to Dr. Evans and Armand Pires about a project as required in the Energy Managers Grant.

4 Report from the Chair:

Carey offered that there has been a lot of discussion on social media regarding electric rate increases and she believes it would be a good idea to prepare a document for the public. A discussion on a Facebook site for MEC took place and it was suggested by John to ask Rich Boucher, Director of Information Services, to attend the next meeting with options, costs etc. It was also suggested to ask the Milford Daily News reporter to attend as well.

Carey discussed the quarterly newsletter for the MEC. It was suggested copies could be mailed with residents in tax or trash bills. Each member was asked to submit a starter paragraph to bring to the next MEC meeting to discuss.

A booth at Medway Pride Day was discussed. Carey will reach out to Mr. Jasinski, a high school teacher, to see if it's possible for the "Green Team" to assist the MEC. Pride day is May 16, 2015 and it was agreed all members would need to commit to man a booth as well as have some energy type gadgets for people to play with. Bob will speak with Dr. Evans and Mr. Pires and will also ask Dave D'Amico to contact power companies for give-a-ways. John suggested Carey submit the invoice to Alison Potter to pay from the MEC budget.

Dave Bromwell has been working on the missing water in town. Bob Tucker suggested Dave reach out to Susi Affleck Childs for info on lot numbers through the GIS system.

5 Review Action Items:

Action	Assigned to	Deadline
Update MEC website, check on Google calendar/events	Carey/Bill	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	Shelley	Ongoing
Create outreach newsletter	Carey and Larry	Ongoing
Review CCA energy supplier options for residents	Larry	Ongoing
Support ToM with water use audit	David and Matt	Ongoing
Contact BOS & SC opposition to Car port Solar project	Shelley	
Blue Wave Net Metering contract discussion with TM Boynton	John	
Discussion with Don regarding Trane history	Shelley	
Invite Rich Boucher and Zack Como to next meeting	Carey/John	
Starter paragraph for newsletter topic	All	
Contact Mr. Jasinski for Green Team participation at Pride Day	Carey	
Contact Dr. Evans and Mr. Pires re: Pride Day	Bob	
Contact Dave D'Amico to reach out to power co's for give-a-ways	Bob	
Contact Susi Affleck Childs regarding lot numbers on missing water	Dave	

6 MEC Meeting Adjournment:

Dave moved to adjourn the meeting and Shelley seconded this. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wendy Harrington