



Medway Energy Committee

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Minutes

Meeting Notes: May 20, 2015

Meeting Location: High School Library

Approved: Oct 21, 2015

1 Call to Order:

Carey Bergeron called the May meeting of the Medway Energy Committee to order at 7:30 PM. The attendees were Carey Bergeron, Shelley Wieler, Larry Ellsworth, Paul Mahoney, and the Town Energy Manager, Robert (Bob) Weiss.

Attendees:	6/18/14	9/17/14	10/15/14	11/19/14	12/17/14	1/21/15	2/24/15	3/25/15	4/15/15	5/20/15
Comments		No Quorum								
Carey Bergeron, Ch	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dave Brownell	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Larry Ellsworth	X		X	X	X			X	X	X
Shelley Wieler, vice Ch	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Carole Bernstein										
John Foresto	X			X	X	X	X	X		
Bob Tucker	X				X		X	X	X	
Paul Mahoney								X		X
Matt Desorbo								X	X	X

2 Approval of Minutes:

No minutes ready from the April meeting.

3 Update from Medway Energy Manager:

The Medway Energy Manager, Bob Weiss, reported that the state MEI needs updating. Shelley said that Fran at town hall has updated oil/diesel data quarterly – Bob to check with her. Bob also reported that the town energy usage has decreased 27% in 2012, but increased in 2013 and 2014. This could be due to additional town facilities coming online. Bob will monitor.

The contract for the new Building Energy Management System for the Burke/Memorial schools has been signed and will be installed over the summer. New windows for the McGovern school are scheduled for summer installation as well.

The net-metering contractor, Borrego, has been hitting benchmarks on their project.

Millis scheduled a stretch code information meeting for June 11. Bob Tucker agreed to go to provide insight.

The “Clean Energy Collective” is searching for 6-7 acres for a solar farm. Bob is to check their credibility.

Bob got a call from Maine Energy Systems, looking for our endorsement on selling whole house wood pellet heating systems.

Thanks to Bob for getting National Gas & Electric swag for Pride Day.

4 Report from the Chair:

Carey discussed Pride Day. See below

5 Reports from Members:

Dave Brownell has resigned as of the end of June. We need to recruit - maybe from the community farm?

Paul asked about potential for hydro power at Sanford or Chicken Brook. See the analysis of hydro power on the MEC google Drive done by Dave Brownell.

Shelley brought the list of Master Plan action items to the meeting for review and reporting to the Master Plan committee on progress of appropriate items. The list is sorted and put in Google Drive, and the MEC will review at the June meeting.

6 New Business

Results of our presence at **Medway Pride Day** on May 16. Bob Weiss had scored good giveaways from National Gas. The thermal imaging camera and kilowatt meter were available for display, and Carey had printed information sheets for residents. Larry suggested we include a UPC band to scan for more info/access to our website.

Exelon was generous about sharing a table with us, but those attending felt it was a distraction from our efforts, and next year we should team with another town committee. Shelley had T-shirts made for the committee for added visibility. Thanks to the members of the committee who took some time to man the table.

Shelley purchased 2 solar chargers for the raffle. Only 10 people signed up. The winners were to be chosen by Carey on May 21.

Shelley moved and Larry seconded to have the MEC reimburse herself and Carey for the raffle items, T-shirts, and printing, up to \$325. The committee voted unanimously to spend the funds.

Liaisons: Members divided up responsibility for outreach to other town committees. This role is to extend awareness of the Energy Committee and offer assistance to other town groups. No official role in the other committee is to be implied or offered, and regular attendance is not required. The chart of liaison responsibilities is loaded in the Google Drive.

DOER Grants: The committee needs to investigate additional projects for grant funding. Bob reports that DOER grants are project-oriented, and will keep track of opportunities.

5 Review Action Items:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Assigned to</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Update MEC website, check on Google calendar/events	Carey/Bob	Ongoing
Provide Green Communities quarterly report to committee	Bob	Ongoing
Subcommittee for preparing list of incentives and rebate opportunities	Larry	Ongoing
Net Metering Agreement progress	Shelley/Bob	Complete
Create outreach newsletter	Carey and Larry	May issue complete
Review CCA energy supplier options for residents	Larry	Ongoing
Support ToM with water use audit	David and Matt	Complete
Starter paragraph for newsletter topic	All	Ongoing
Reach out to power co's for give-a-ways	Bob/John	Complete
Investigate what is needed to provide infrastructure for future charging station for the Tri Valley Commons	Bob	Ongoing

6 MEC Meeting Adjournment: 8:30 PM

Move to adjourn by Carey; second by Paul. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Wieler