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David Travalini, Member
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Bob Tucker, PEDB Liaison



Town of Medway
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
June 21, 2023 – 6:30 pm



Members present: Martin Dietrich, Jason Reposa, David Travalini, Nicholas Fair, Wally Long, Stephanie Carlisle
Absent: Dave Fitzgerald, Wally Long

Call to Order

Martin called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Public Comments

There were no public comments

- **Discuss outcomes from presentation to Select Board on electric rates and solar arrays.**

Martin stated he thought the presentation went fine and there were no additional tasks for us and it is up to the town at this point. Stephanie stated the Select Board stated they would like us to look at McGovern School and go through the proper channels to do that. Dave T. stated the Select Board asked us if we presented this to the School Committee and he thinks we should pursue this again. Martin disagreed and stated both Armand and Cindy have the presentation and if they have questions or want us to come back we can. **Action Item: Stephanie will put this topic on the agenda in a few months to see where things are at.**

Nick stated he did not see the portfolio of how the power was being generated in the old rate. We should try and get some input there. He realizes there is a financial difference between rates. Dave T. feels that the only people who are protesting BESS are the people on Little Tree Lane because their properties back up to it.

Stephanie felt that there was more support for canopies than there has been in the past. She thinks they liked the numbers and saw how much they could save.

- **Review Draft seasonal newsletter**

Stephanie stated she does not have a draft newsletter at this time. She suggested the first issue could be the summer issue. The committee came up with some topics for the first newsletter such as Solar, Medway Pride Give Away (include a picture of the composter), all the solar panel opportunities that the town has, the results of the survey, Net Zero, Community Choice Aggregation, the town's first plug in hybrid, a section entitled coming soon like the Eco event with Fred. **Action Item: Stephanie will have a draft newsletter for the committee to review at the next meeting.**

- **Report from Chair**

Martin stated that at the next meeting he would like the committee to brainstorm about what we want to focus on next year and come up with a few priorities.

Report from Sustainability Coordinator

- **Medway Pride Day update: raffle and engagement.**

Stephanie stated there were not that many people this year probably because of the rain. The reusable water balloons were a big hit with the kids. The raffle went well and there were three winners. She has not heard from the third winner and stated next year we should have a disclaimer stating you must pick up your prize by a certain date.

- **Medway Police Plug-In hybrid and infrastructure.**

Stephanie stated the Police received their first Plugin hybrid vehicle and she is working on the infrastructure and will be meeting with the Charge Point people next week.

- **Update on Phosphorus Control Plan and potential stormwater structures.**

Stephanie stated they have been doing a lot of outreach and her report is due in September. Marty asked what makes a rain garden a rain garden. Stephanie stated they use special soil and native plants and are designed to drain within 72 hours. Stephanie stated they used wetland type plants at the Burke School and those are dying so it's a learning process. Martin thought maybe we could get local businesses to start sponsoring rain gardens. Dave T. stated maybe the DPW could carve out the basins and put in top soil from the dump and have the Garden Club spread the dirt and do the plantings. Stephanie stated there are cost effective ways to install the rain gardens. Stephanie stated we are making progress on the phosphorous removal but there are a lot of large houses and businesses with lots of impervious surfaces that really need the rain gardens. Dave T. mentioned the need for subsurface infiltrators as well. Stephanie stated maybe the Boy Scouts could come help maintain the rain gardens after they are built. Dave T. stated the Scouts need to build projects not maintain them.

- **Housekeeping**

1. **Approval of May 17, 2023 meeting minutes as amended.**

Nick made a motion to approve the May 17, 2023 meeting minutes as amended. Wally seconded the motion and all members stated aye they were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Adjourn

Wally made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm. Dave T. seconded the motion and all members stated aye they were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Rozak