# Board Members

Carey Bergeron, Chair

Lawrence Ellsworth, Member

Alex Siekierski, Member

Kristen Rice, Member

Jason Reposa, Member

Martin Dietrich, Member

David Travalini, Member

Stephanie Carlisle, DPW Staff Contact

John Foresto, Bd Slctmn Liaison

Bob Tucker, PEDB Liaison

**Energy and Sustainability Committee Meeting**

**December 16, 2020**

 **7:00 PM**

Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, and the Governor’s Orders imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, no in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted at this meeting. Committee members may be participating remotely. For public meetings, access via Microsoft Teams is provided for the required opportunity for public participation.

# **Members present:** Carey Bergeron, Kristen Rice, Jason Reposa, Martin Dietrich, David Travalini, Larry Ellsworth, Stephanie Carlisle and Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary.

# **Absent:** Alex Siekierski

**Call to Order**

***Carey Bergeron called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.***

**Approval of minutes: November 18, 2020**

***Dave made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended. Martin seconded the motion and Kristen, Larry and Carey all stated aye they were in favor and it was voted to voted 4-0-0. \* Jason was not present for the vote.***

**MESC budget discussion**

Jason reached out to someone at the high school about a possible scholarship and they had a list of questions. The questions were as follows: What do you want to call the scholarship? Do they pick the winner or does the committee? Do we need the school to write something up or will the committee? Who will collect the information? Do the applicants need certain qualifications? Larry stated that it takes a lot of time and energy to put this type of project together. Dave stated they could have the science teachers nominate certain students. Carey suggested nominating students from the Green Team.

Martin suggested the following: What did the student do and how did this help retain resources in Medway. A five hundred dollar scholarship would be a good amount. The committee discussed possible sources of sponsorship –Exelon, Mi-Box, Muffin House, Lawrence Waste etc. Jason stated he might be able to get Mass Renewables as a sponsor.

Stephanie will ask DPW if they can contribute to the scholarship fund or if it is a conflict of interest.

Next steps- write the wording, publicize it at the high school, find sponsors, possibly create a yearly fund instead of a one- time thing. We could try it as a pilot and look at long term later on.

Carey stated we need to decide what to spend the money in the budget on. Some suggestions were stainless steel straws, bamboo toothbrushes or gift bags on social media.

**Charles River Pollution Control District**

Dave stated he contacted them, and they said they would love to do tours once Covid is over. Dave also called the middle school but has not heard back yet. We will revisit this down the road.

**Community Choice Aggregation**

Larry met with Denise and Marc from Colonial. They are going to send us some documents. They had to revise their standard documents to align with the DPU requirements. We would set up to go shopping for rates in January 2022. They would need the Select Board to approve the plan.

**Plastic Bag Reduction Bylaw**

The bylaw goes into effect January 27, 2020. Shaws, Cumberland Farms, Job Lot, and Walgreens etc. are still using plastic bags. Stephanie will send out another reminder letter asap. She will reach out to the Board of Health about the plastic bag ban. Committee member should send a text to Stephanie if they see stores still using plastic bags.

**Solid waste diversion companies Black Earth, Mi-Box and Discussion with Town Manager and Communications Director**

Stephanie sent out a link to the Recycle Smart Campaign regarding public education and how consistent messaging and repeat exposure to the same messaging will help reduce recycling contamination and divert solid waste to other avenues Stephanie would like the Committee to adopt this messaging material so it aligns with the Town and State messaging. . She would like to get the Black Earth idea out there and she is drafting an email about it. Stephanie will write a generic post about Black Earth and the committee members will share it on their social media. Carey will set up a time to meet with the Town Manager/Communications Director.

**Public education topics for social media etc.**

Kristen put together a list of topics and will send it out to the committee members.

**Tree Bylaw**

Dave stated he does not have an update yet.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Action Items** | **Assigned To** | **Deadline** | **Status** |
| Carey will set up a meeting with Michael Boynton by the next meeting to discuss their plans. | Carey | January 20, 2021  | In progress |
| Martin will set up a meeting with Carey and Kristen to work on the priorities to discuss with Michael Boynton. | Martin | January 20, 2021 | In progress |
| Carey will put together a list of social media blurbs that other members can add to that Sandy can use for social media. | Carey | February 2021 | In progress |
|  |  |  |  |
| Marty and Jason will work on drafting the wording for the scholarship and finding donors. | Marty/ Jason |  January 20, 2021 |  |
| Stephanie-will look into a possible conflict of interest and send Marty a list of companies in town | Stephanie | January 20, 2021 |  |
| Charles River Pollution Control District - tours | Dave | End of Covid? |  |
| Stephanie will ask DPW if they can contribute to the scholarship fund. She will reach out to the Board of Health about the plastic bag ban. Committee member should send a text to Stephanie if they see stores still using plastic bags. | Stephanie | January 20, 2021 |  |
| Kristen will send her list of social media topics to all the members. | Kristen | January 20, 2021 |  |

**Adjourn**

**Carey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm. Dave seconded the motion and Jason, Marty, and Kristen all stated aye they were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Tracy Rozak

|  |
| --- |
| **Upcoming Medway Energy & Sustainability Committee Meetings***Meetings are typically the third Wednesday of the month*January 20, 2021February 17, 2021March 17, 2021 |