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Town of Medway  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
**ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
October 18, 2023– 6:30 pm



**Members present:** Martin Dietrich, Wally Long, Jason Reposa, David Travalini, Stephanie Carlisle and Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary.

**Also Present:** Charlie Myers

**Absent:** Dave Fitzgerald

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### Call to Order

Martin called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

### Public Comments

Charlie Myers asked the committee to review the redevelopment plans for 109. He thought the committee could strategize energy usage and offer some input. Charlie also stated if the committee needs any help with battery storage as far as size or location he can offer guidance.

### **Discussion: Develop strategies for the three priority topics: Solar Parking Canopy Opportunities, Stormwater Management and Community Engagement**

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Discussion: Potential project funding items for potential site host agreement (Medway Energy Center –West Street) Items for the Energy & Sustainability Fund:**

Martin thinks the Building Envelope Improvements should move to the top of the list for Capital Items. Dave T. thinks we should be prioritizing battery storage at the schools and also creating a fund for alternative energy sources that we could use for solar canopies at a future date for town owned properties like the senior center or schools. Wally thinks charging stations for all town buildings should be prioritized. Charlie talked about the Medway Grid and suggested putting a group of tesla power packs at the charger sites which would make them more usable to the public. Charlie stated the PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement has not been negotiated yet. The Senior Center, town hall and schools would have to be prewired at the beginning and this could be put in the PILOT agreement. **Action item:** All members should add any other priority items to this list and Marty will compile the list and then we can rank the items in order

at the next meeting. **Action Item:** Stephanie will speak to Michael Boynton about our interest in putting in a warrant article for the spring meeting to create a fund for alternative energy sources and/or for them to install two charging station per year as part of the PILOT Agreement for Medway Grid. The wording should state “when the fund is created they will fund it”.

#### **Discussion: MESC Fall seasonal newsletter content.**

Stephanie stated she still needs to add the Community Choice Aggregation Update information. They have not submitted it to the DOER yet. She is hoping to send the newsletter out this week or the beginning of next week.

#### **• Updates from Members**

Dave T. mentioned the tree bylaw is coming before the Select Board and members are encouraged to attend and vote for it.

Martin stated that in the future, there has to be specific items on the agenda listed under “Update from Members” so the public can be aware.

#### **Report from Chair**

##### **Update: Budget process and request for funding**

Martin stated we need to think about what we need for community engagement and what the costs will be. Some suggestions were to sponsor a movie night, purchase swag or raffle items for Medway Pride Day, do something with the schools like a composting program, reach out to see what programs are out there and hire a presenter to come to speak at the schools. We need to look into the cost of speakers. Dave T. said the state has all kinds of free programs that they are happy to bring out to schools.

It was suggested that we attend more community events which will require more swag and give away items. Charlie suggested Earth Day and Drive Electric Week could be good opportunities. Martin suggested doing two more events and a movie night in addition to Medway Pride Day and triple the cost of our budget to cover the expenses. The reusable water balloons were a big hit at Medway Pride Day. Suggestions for other items for giveaway or raffle items: wildflower packets, birdfeeders, a gift card to the Medway Community Farm. Action: Wally will check into the cost of getting a movie and check with his contacts in other town to see what worked in their town and how they got it set up and running.

#### **Report from Sustainability Coordinator in Update:**

##### **McGovern roof solar array.**

Stephanie stated they signed the Letter of Intent. This will be on the town fall meeting warrant to approve the PPA and be voted on. There will be a structural engineering review of the roof to see if it is compatible with solar.

##### **Update: Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

Stephanie stated that there will be a meeting in December to review of hazard mitigation plan.

**Update: MS4 Annual Report and Phosphorus Control plan.**

Stephanie stated she submitted the annual report and finished the Phosphorus Control Plan.

**Update: US EPA Brownfield Clean Up grant application for Medway Block.**

Stephanie stated the application and alternatives has to be completed by next Thursday. This information will be put on social media and the newspaper. There will be a public hearing on the Brownfield grant on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Update: FY23 Green Communities annual report and energy consumption.**

Stephanie stated Medway increased their energy consumption by 9 percent from our baseline. This is normalized for weather but not population. Medway has expanded their buildings, vehicles and equipment.

**Update: Green Communities grant application.**

Stephanie is applying for two heat pumps for the senior center; one for the exercise room and one for the new addition side. She is also asking for \$7500 towards the assessor's new electric car.

**Housekeeping**

**Approval of September 20, 2023 meeting minutes as amended.**

*Wally made a motion to approve the September 20, 2023 meeting minutes as amended. Jason seconded the motion and all the members stated they were in favor and the minutes were approved.*

**Adjourn**

*Jason made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. Wally seconded the motion and all the members stated they were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Tracy Rozak