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Town of Medway
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
November 15, 2023– 6:30 pm

Members present: Wally Long, Dave Fitzgerald, Jason Reposa, David Travalini, Stephanie Carlisle and Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary.

Absent: Martin Dietrich

Call to Order

Wally called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Public Comments

There were none.

1. Discussion: develop strategies for the three priority topics: solar parking canopy opportunities, Stormwater Management, and Community Engagement.

Community Engagement- Wally stated he spoke to Dayna Gill. Wally also stated he still needs to reach out to Medway Cable to see how much a movie night would cost.

Solar Parking Opportunities - Dave T. stated Oakland Park would be a good starting point for a solar canopy as it is a small project and then people could see some of the benefits like a shady parking lot in summer. Dave T. suggested that the Water Treatment Plant would be a good spot as well because the building is wired for it and can't be seen from the road.

Stephanie is having RISE do an electrification study. Stephanie stated Eversource is coming on November 30th to do an in depth study to see what is needed for electrification.

Stormwater Management- Stephanie asked the committee members if they see any Facebook posts about stormwater, if they would share those posts to the Friends of Medway Facebook page. Stephanie stated homeowners can help by raking and bagging leaves and reducing impervious surfaces and cleaning off storage drains. In the past, Stephanie has sent a mass email to landscaping companies with landscaping tips for leaf maintenance. Wally stated we could hand out postcards with leaf clean up tips at the end of summer movie night. Stephanie suggested

putting a message on the electronic screen at Choate Park. Stephanie also suggested putting up those little tee pee type signs with reminders to clean leaves off your drain.

2. Discussion: rank and finalize the list of items for consideration when negotiating a Site Host Agreement and/or payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement as it relates to energy projects.

Wally stated the top 5 priority topics from the committee members were building envelope improvements at the schools, solar canopies & battery storage at the Senior Center/Oakland Park, High School, and Middle School, and contributing to an Energy & Sustainability Fund. The committee discussed how many of these items should they bring to the Select Board. Wally suggested generalizing battery storage and solar canopies as opposed to specific locations. Dave F. stated once the new rate goes into effect, the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) might be more appealing and become more of a priority for people. They can see the benefits of it right away. Jason stated it might be beneficial to focus on the PPA and battery storage/solar canopies at the same time. Dave T. stated he thinks the DPW would be the best location. Stephanie stated the committee should come up with a list of rules for what the Energy & Sustainability Fund can be used for. We could advise the Select Board which items would benefit the town the most. Dave F. asked if they would have to spend the money each year or if it can be carried over to the next year. The topics in order of priority are:

1. Energy & Sustainability Fund
2. Battery Storage & Solar Canopies
3. School and system upgrades at multiple locations – (this sort of bundles the Building Envelope/ school improvements)
4. Electric Vehicles and charging stations.

The next step will be to write up a memo summarizing these items and get it to the Select Board. Stephanie will write the memo and send it to the committee for review. If someone wants a change, they can send the edit to Stephanie and she can revise it and send the revised version back out to the committee. The final version will go out to the Select Board.

Dave. T. made a motion for Stephanie to write a memo to enumerate the choices we are asking for the battery energy storage system that the town of Medway is negotiating with. Dave. F. seconded the motion and all members stated aye they were in favor.

3. Discussion: 120 Main Street Rehabilitation Project (Medway Block) and committee's role in the Project Team and assistance with community engagement.

Stephanie stated she submitted the EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant on Monday and is awaiting feedback. At the last Select Board meeting, someone asked what will happen if we don't get the

funding. Stephanie stated the Select Board stated it will ultimately go to the town. Someone at the meeting also commented about the way it was written, it seemed as though we are applying for a project that the town has not approved yet. Stephanie stated that was because the way the grant was written it asked for the “anticipated project”. Stephanie stated they will know in June if they get the award.

• **Report from Chair**

No update as Marty was not present at this meeting.

• **Report from Sustainability Coordinator**

Stephanie stated she is working on Green Communities Report. We increased our energy usage by 7% and by 16 percent using weather-normalized data last year. Stephanie will be meeting with Armand Pires, Medway Superintendent of Schools to research the possible reasons.

Approval of October 18, 2023 meeting minutes.

Dave T. made a motion to approve the October 18, 2023 meeting minutes as submitted. Dave T. seconded the motion and all the members stated they were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Other Items

Dave T. stated the Tree Bylaw was approved at the Select Board meeting along with the new stormwater regulations that the state has recommended.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Tracy Rozak