



## MELROSE ENERGY COMMISSION

\*Thursday, April 26, 2018, 7:15 – 9:00 p.m.  
Cassidy Conference Room, Melrose City Hall

### Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Members Doug Dick, Jeff Doody, Ellen Katz, Tyler Ballew, Rodney Dowell, Lori Timmermann, David Bliss, Gary Lamothe, Alanna Nelson and Guests Terence Burke and Sherry Qualter; Municipal Liaison Martha Grover

1. Welcome and introductions made by Chair Pro Tem: Gary
2. Guest Speaker: Kristin Kelleher, Climate Action Business Association
  - Kristin spoke about the work of CABA and what they do for businesses
  - She provided updates on current energy and environmental legislation at the State House
    - i. Review of the 2018 Omnibus Bill contents
    - ii. Discussion of the Omnibus Bill status (it's with the Senate Ways and Means Committee before the House sees it) and the process/likelihood of it moving forward
    - iii. Gov. Baker's \$1.4B Bond Bill, \$300M of which is for climate adaptation and mitigation
    - iv. Brief introduction to the Comprehensive Adaptation Management Plan (CAMP), ref. MA Senate Bill S.472, introduced by MA Sen. Marc Pacheco
3. Energy Manager Update provided by Martha Grover:
  - The MEC hearing before the Aldermen Appropriations Committee will be on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Kristi Heiman has volunteered to write the report and present it.
  - The Appropriations Committee is taking up approval of the new Community Electricity Aggregation Plan at their April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. If approved and sent to DPU, a new program could be launched by early 2019.
  - The MVP workshops were well attended. The City is planning to apply for an MVP Action Grant on May 18<sup>th</sup> for up to \$400,000 to fund one of the priorities that came out of the workshops. A public listening session will be scheduled in June.
  - DPW solar project is built and waiting utility interconnection.
  - A rain garden was approved for Orient Ave.
  - Martha is working on a solar canopy over the high school parking lot that could be built in summer 2019.
4. Solar Subcommittee update
  - Resonant Energy spoke to MySunBuddy and they were able to come up with proposals that put >25kW arrays on the Highlands Congregational Church roof.
  - Resonant Energy will present three options to the Highlands Congregational Church Finance Subcommittee for their consideration on May 2.
  - A follow up meeting to present to a larger group within the congregation will take place on May 20.
5. Net Zero Building Subcommittee update

- David gave a brief introduction of Zero Code, a national and international building energy standard for new commercial, institutional and high-rise residential buildings that results in zero-net-carbon buildings. Details can be found at <https://zero-code.org/>.
  - Zero Code can't be adopted just for Melrose but we can lobby the state to adopt it as a stretch code
6. Web site update – Lori is still working on some aspects of the new website.
  7. Anti-idling campaign discussion was tabled for the next meeting.
  8. Healthy Melrose Fair preparations are underway by Susan and Lisa who are creating posters and handouts about microgrids and net zero buildings.
  9. Tyler volunteered to chair the next meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup>.