



MELROSE ENERGY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 22, 7:15 – 9:00 p.m.

Cassidy Conference Room, Melrose City Hall

Attendees: Tyler Ballew, Susan Baron, David Bliss, June Cuttino, Beth Delhahajj, Doug Dick, Jeff Doody, David Fink, Martha Grover, Ellen Katz, Howie Newman, Lori Timmerman, Lisa Montuori, Trimble, Barbara Simko

Guests: John Doody, Charlie Melia, Amanda Waterman, Ariane Faro, David Cuttino, Gary Lamothe, Mike Joyce

1. Welcome and introductions (Chair: Lori)
2. Speakers: David Fink and Barbara Simko present their Net Zero house. Demonstrated how they renovated a Melrose home to make it the most energy efficient in Melrose. They recommended NESEA.ORG/BUILDINGENERGY Northeast Sustainable Energy Association as resource.
3. Approve minutes- May Meeting Minutes approved
4. Co-hosting Sierra Club activist trainings (June)

On July 27 at the Milano Center: Slide presentation on the state clean energy initiative
Howie will assist with publicity. This will be forwarded to 360.org and Karen Oldem at MCAN

5. Solar sub-committee update (Jeff)

A major interest at Healthy Melrose Fair is to maximize city solar use. This subgroup will start work on flat roofs. Jeff is looking to find data that would identify Melrose flat roofs in order to identify "candidate" buildings. Martha discussed city databases that might assist with this. Discussed that non-profit organizations with flat roofs may and there may be funding and support for non-profit solar projects.

Subcommittee next meeting: June 28th at 7:00 June 28th

6. Public safety facility (Ellen)

Ellen wrote letter to DPW Director, Mr. Scenna, to encourage that the new/refurbished public safety buildings be net zero. This sent out this week.

There has been no formal reply, but heard that this is 2021 project and this is early days. The feasibility study is looking at siting. Police Chief Lyle is supportive. Will be looking for supportive decision makers

- Will be contacting Chief Lyle
- Obtain Building Committee meetings time and members listing

- Doug and David and Lisa will volunteer to help with next steps and expertise to approach Police Chief

7. Subcommittee to develop recommended green building policies and procedures (Ellen)
 Want to have subcommittee to develop recommendations for how to influence building fix/renovation to assure future building move to Net Zero. Want this to be procedure, not person dependent. This group could help influence permitting for future (private) building

8. Energy Manager's report
- Two grants obtained
 - Grant application for Tech assisted to work on high school electric car port
 - Two organizations want to develop micro grids in Melrose. They will be talking to Martha about public/private micro grid approach.
 - Hallmark wants one for Melrose Towers/ Hospital – high school microgrid
 - Another would be one for buildings around downtown Shaw's
 - Applied to be a SolSmart designated community
 - There is no mention of solar in our zoning regulation
 - Created document for model language.

9. Legislative update (David)

Tabled until next meeting

For State Legislation: Need to approach to State Senator Brodeur

For Federal Legislation: Need to approach Markey

10. Upcoming events and announcements – see below

Chair and agenda for next MEC meeting: Thursday, July 27 June C)

- Confirming Sierra Club activist training
11. Confirming report back on Net-zero/Climate Action Plans
12. Membership vote for David Fink and Barbara Simko – passed
13. Victorian Fair organization may be done by Barbara

Events of interest:

- June 24 – Farmer's Market Urban Farm Tour; 10am – 3pm; Purchase tickets today at www.melrosefarmersmarket.wordpress.com/melrose-urban-farms-tour/
- June 24 – Hazardous Waste Day; Partnering with Stoneham; 9am – 1pm; Stoneham High School, 149 Franklin St.
- July 11 – Speaker Series on Plastic: What Can and Can't Be Recycled; 7pm – 8:30pm; Milano Center, 201 W. Foster St.
- July 30 – MEC BBQ at Lori's house; 5pm
- September 10 – Victorian Fair – Martha will do application -

- September 30 – Swap Day

MEC Meetings in 2017

4th Thursday of the month at 7:15 pm

July 27, September 28, October 26, November 23

City Hall, Cassidy Conference Room (except November meeting)

NO AUGUST or DECEMBER MEETINGS