



MELROSE ENERGY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 25, 7:15 – 9:00 p.m.

Attendees: Lori Timmerman, Susan Baron, Doug Dick, Martha Grover, Tyler Ballew, June Cuttino, Susan Murphy, Howie Newman, Barbara Simko, Jeff Doody, Doug Harriott, Ellen Katz

Guests: Bernard DeCunle, Conner McGuire, Howie Goodell, Gary Lamont, Rodney Dowell, Kristi Neiman

Secretary: Susan Baron

1. Welcome and introductions (Chair: Lori)

- 2. Speaker: Mike Stanley, TransitX**

Mike Stanley, TransitX's Founder and CEO gave a presentation about the Transit X solution solves transportation problems.

See Mike's Melrose proposal at this link:

http://transitx.com/proposals/Transit_X_for_Melrose,MA.pdf

- 3. MEC Meeting: Approve minutes** - Meeting minutes Approved

- 4. Solar sub-committee** (Jeff/Lori)

Lori and Jeff have been exploring opportunities that Melrose flat roofs offer with a focus on nonresidential buildings.

- Congregational Church: Meeting with members and Resident Energy
- Highlands Church: Have a contact at church and will be presenting to executive committee
 - There was discussion of UU Church solar panel installation experience
 - Group meet once every two months – contact Lori to participate

- 5. Green building policies sub-committee** (Ellen/David B)

Sub-committee has been focusing on the new Melrose Public Safety facilities. Want planning to go in Net Zero direction. Contacted John Scenna with this request:

- Met with Architect with National Grid new construction representative.
- Invited to public safety meeting where architect gave feasibility proposal to fire and police audience
 - There will be another formal meeting in future for Aldermen.
 - Sub-committee will be meeting with stakeholders (education)

- 6. Legislative update**

- Solar installers concerned about new electric hookup charges. MEC may want to approach this in the future.
- State announced rates for SMART program. Not as favorable as it was for renewable energy credits.
- New 30% tariff on solar panel imports - this will be phased out in 3 years (Solar Energy of America)

7. **Transportation sub meeting** - Rodney Dowell

Brainstorming session: want to drive more EV charging stations

- Lori will forward out greenhouse gas inventory to talk about transportation choices

8. **Upcoming events and announcements**

- Confirm Healthy Melrose participation, select MEC event coordinator - May 12th. Susan Baron will coordinate. Possible ideas:
 - Reduce footprint
 - Air quality
 - Greenhouse gas inventory
- Chair and agenda for next MEC meeting: Thursday, Feb 22 (confirming David B)-

March 3rd is MCAN Local Environmental Action Meeting: 'Contact Lori if interested. (Sponsors pay \$70.00- get two tickets)

Events of interest:

- Feb 6 – Boston Area Sustainability Group (BASG) 2nd Annual Invite to Ignite, 6 pm – 8:30 pm, CIC Venture Café, One Broadway, Cambridge
- Feb 11 – Pop Up Farmer’s Market, 10 am – 1 pm, Clubroom at the Windsor at Oak Grove, 12 Island Hill Ave, Melrose
- March 24 – Pop Up Farmer’s Market, 1 pm – 4 pm, Gymnasium at the Melrose YMCA
- April 21 – Melrose Recycling Event: Paper Shredding & Motor Oil/Gas/Antifreeze, 8 am – 12 pm, City Yard, 72 Tremont St
- May 12 – Healthy Melrose – 10 am – 1:30 pm, Melrose Athletic Complex, 360 Lynn Fells Parkway
- May 19 – Melrose Recycling Event: Plastic Bag Collection & Styrofoam®, 8 am – 12 pm, City Yard, 72 Tremont St
- June 16 - Melrose Recycling Event: Odds & Ends (see website for details), 8 am – 12 pm, City Yard, 72 Tremont St
- June 30 – Melrose Recycling Event: Hazardous Waste Day; Partnering with Stoneham

MEC Meetings in 2018

4th Thursday of the month at 7:15 pm

February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, NO AUGUST Meeting, September 27, October 25, November 15, NO DECEMBER Meeting
City Hall, Cassidy Conference Room (except November meeting)