



## MELROSE ENERGY COMMISSION

### Meeting Minutes

Cassidy Conference Room, Melrose City Hall

**Thursday, February, 22, 2018 7: 15pm – 9:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Lori Timmermann, Doug Dick, June Cuttino, Ellen Katz, David Bliss, Jeff Doody, Alanna Nelson, Gary LaMothe, Kristi Heiman

**Secretary:** Susan Baron

1. Welcome and introductions (Chair pro tem: David)
2. Review & approve minutes: correction: *So Approved*
3. Move to vote to approve new members:

- Alanna Nelson, Gary LaMothe, Kristi Heiman - *So Approved*

(Note: Rodney Dowell, Gabrielle Watson - not present: postpone membership)

- For future meeting: discuss value of rotating chair and vice chair and secretary
- Send bylaws to all new members. Post on new website.

4. **Solar sub-committee** update (Jeff & Lori)

- Contacted Highlands Church member to advocate for solar installation
  - Will use approach to Highlands to develop approach for other organizations
  - Lori, Jeff and Resonant Energy put together package for a proposal presentation
- Martha provided condo contact that is looking to install solar in condo environment
  - Spoke with Maddie(?) from Resonant Energy about approach
  - They will review different approaches

5. **Web site Review** (Lori)

- Presented web site that Lori is developing
  - Request for people to review for content and spelling errors: Alanna will review after construction
  - Request contact for Solar, Net Zero and Energy Efficiency areas (Ellen Jeff and Doug)
  - Will need small introduction for member descriptions from new members

6. **Public safety facility** (Ellen)

- Mayor's blog had language about zero net energy components for new buildings
- Subcommittee had Meeting
  - Will take steps to put together suggestions for design phase for inclusion
  - Have heard that city will use same design consultant. Want to ensure that elements for net zero are included
  - Martha Grover contacted Paul Ormond, who lives in Melrose: has web based tool to do quick evaluation for site to be net zero. Will try to involve Paul
  - Issue related to proposed combine police and fire dispatch. This affects timing of design considerations
  - Strong need for education for stake holders: will prepare presentations
- Want to anticipate energy efficiency push for possible new library building
- Conor McGuire offered to give tours of net zero building - Division of Fisheries and Wildlife headquarters in Westborough. He will be presenting at MEC meeting in March.

- New round of Green Community grants in March -Melrose is not eligible for this round, but there is \$11,000 in unprogrammed funds left from National Grid Community Initiative award

### **Legislative update (David)**

- Earlier this week, omnibus bill reported out of committee for Senate vote. Combines a lot of bills that move state forward energy conservation This will go to a joint committee for review and includes:
  - Carbon Pricing
  - Expanding Global Warming Solution Act -Accelerate alternative energy and renewable energy
  - Support net metering
- Discussed MEC advocating for items: Note: Jason Lewis did ask for recommendations of priorities.
- May want to review Alliance for Clean Energy Consortium positions to support.
- Will try to get someone to do an April MEC presentation
- People going to March 3rd presentation may have session about this.

### **Trivia Bee (March 24<sup>th</sup>)**

This is good fundraiser for Bridge - Looking for volunteers Kristi Heiman, Jeff Doody - Looking for 3rd person. Will see if Tyler Ballew is available.

### **Sustainable Melrose report**

March 6th Next meeting Martha's house - recycling committee presentation. All are invited.

### **New Business:**

- Downtown Melrose Microgrid project was selected by the MassCEC for a \$75,000 feasibility study
- Martha is looking for representative for Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee. This will include response to climate change. Lori will check with Susan Murphy
- Ellen discussed business called City Compost out of Rutland. They pick up weekly and drop off clean bucket.
- Healthy Melrose
  - Will need to brainstorm about what we want to present - what upcoming issues are we most concerned about
  - Aim for 2030 issue - take data from Greenhouse gas report and what we could do to get to this goal

### **Select Chair and agenda for next MEC meeting: Thursday, March 22**

June Cuttino-

### **Upcoming events and announcements – see below**

Events of interest:

- February 25, 12 – 2 pm, Melrose UU Church, **Give Light: Spiritual Nurture for Climate Activism**, a workshop and luncheon with climate activist and musician Rev. Fred Small
- March 3, 9 am – 6 pm, Northeastern University, **MCAN Local Environmental Action 2018 Conference**

- March 7, 12 – 1pm (Webinar) **Municipal-Led Climate Education Programs for Residents: Lessons from the Climate Ready Boston Leaders Program**
- March 6th from 7-9 pm at the Lyceum Room in the EB Newton School, Winthrop MA **We're In This Together: Battling for Clean Energy and Fighting Fracking from Pennsylvania to Massachusetts**
- 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

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**MEC Meetings in 2018**

4th Thursday of the month at 7:15 pm

November 15, Location TBD

City Hall, Cassidy Conference Room (except November meeting)

NO AUGUST or DECEMBER MEETINGS