



Thursday, March 2, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Melrose Public Library, 69 West Emerson St
Lower level meeting room

Attendees: Tyler Ballew, Susan Baron, David Bliss, Doug Dick, Martha Grover, Ellen Katz, Susan Murphy, Lori Timmerman Andrew Skyler

Guests: Kevin Beaulieu, Sadie Brown, June Catnow, Julie Delilli, Jeff Doody, David Fink, Craig Foley, Sam Gilbert, Ted Hunt, Peter Makraw, Jeana McNeil, Jack Norcross, Margaret Remensnyder, Barbara Simpko, George Stubbs, Lisa Trimble, Heather Vogel

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Approve minutes: January Minutes approved
3. Energy Manager's report: Martha Grover
 - March 3rd is the due date for community grant application: Martha will be submitting grant application for various projects such as maintenance equipment updates
 - Green community report for fiscal year 2016 has been submitted. Although municipal building use has greatly increased, city has held down energy consumption
 - Melrose will join 7 other communities in applying for a new Federal program called SolSmart. This is to promote solar power installation. Melrose will aim at achieving bronze standing by working towards creating improved planning zoning and permitting changes for Solar energy promotion
 - Green community grant for another car
 - Electricity Aggregation agreement contract has been extended six months. Melrose will be negotiating a new contract for 18 months. (reduce capacity costs)
 - On March 30th there will be a public meeting at Memorial Hall to review the Master Plan which will start the public comment period. Attendance is encouraged to support sustainability sections of plan
4. Legislative updates and action items: David Bliss
 - Tyler Ballew: In the State House, a bill has been introduced to move state to 100% renewable energy use by 2050.
 - David Bliss: passed out list of proposed laws concerning sustainability.
 - Will attach to minutes and discuss our priorities at the next meeting
 - Put this on agenda for next meeting.
 - Discussion of invite Representative Paul Brodeur and State Senator Jason Lewis for May meeting.

5. Draft GHG inventory review and approval process Susan Murphy
 - Susan has established a tentative baseline. The next step: Would like to establish a review and approval process
 - Susan will then submit this for approval by MEC in May

6. Continue Jan. 26 Community Conversation - Next steps toward a carbon neutral future for Melrose. Posted ideas in five categories which will be listed and discussed in future meeting.
 - Engagement- Education and community engagement
 - PV solar electric and renewable
 - Transportation
 - General Sustainability
 - Building Energy and energy efficiency

7. Upcoming events and announcements – see below

8. Peter Makrauer, will be approached to run next MEC meeting, Thursday, March 23

Events of interest:

- Feb 21st and Mar 7th, 7:00pm *350.org Chapter-Mass Mystic Valley* Medford Public Library
- March 5th - [Local Environmental Action Conference](#), 9:00 a.m. – 6 p.m., Northeastern Univ.
- March 9th 7:00pm Recycling Committee Meeting, Library, lower floor meeting room
- March 13th, 7:00pm - *Melrose Energy Challenge Celebration* Melrose High School
- March 14th, 7:00pm - *Sustainable Melrose quarterly meeting* Mayor’s conference room
- March 14 8:30am *Energy Discussion Breakfast* 50 Milk Street, Boston (5 floor)
- March 30th 7:00pm, *Melrose Forward Master Plan public meeting*- Memorial Hall
- May 13th - Healthy Melrose – MEC is seeking volunteers to organize and staff table!

MEC Meetings in 2017

4th Thursday of the month at 7:15 pm

March 23rd - Milano Center

April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, September 28, October 26, November 23

Usually at City Hall, Cassidy Conference Room (except November meeting)

NO AUGUST or DECEMBER MEETINGS

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