

## **MELROSE ENERGY COMMISSION Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, March 28, 2019 7:15

Cassidy Conference Room, City Hall

**Attendees:** Susan Baron, Jeff Doody, Ellen Katz, Cassandra, Lori Timmerman, Alanna Nelson, Doug Dick, June Cuttino, Sunil Saini, Barbara Simko, Lisa Trimble, Martha Grover, Rodney Dowell

**Secretary:** Susan Baron

**Guest:** Mark Sandeen, Angus Shan, Kevin Hanover, Jeana McNeil, Maureen Elia, Representative Paul Brodeur,

Welcome and introductions

### **Presentation: Mark Sandeen, Lexington Selectman and Chair of [Sustainable Lexington](#).**

Challenge to meet Net Zero goal

- Sustainable action plans of Lexington (see link)
- Obtain baseline report to obtain funding and establish baseline to demonstrate improvement.
  - Measure- Sustain- Priority- Engage- Measure circle
- Identify stakeholders for sectors and do outreach to involve them in programming
  - Lexington Climate Accord – getting bill to get commercial to buy in – set their own goals and report on measuring
  - Have Net Zero Task Force – Biggest carbon center is 22% buildings
  - Invited various members for Task force including real estate and major commercial land owners.
- Put together Climate Change Warrant article 2013 statement type statement and presented at Town Meeting
- Consider climate change in all appropriate decisions
  - Air source heat pumps for oil – sell this plan on cost savings
  - Move to Electricity - if you use solar- you move from oil and gas

**Approval of January and February Meeting minutes** – So moved – minutes approved

### **Big Roof Solar (Jeff)**

- Melrose Highland Congregational Church - Going forward with National Grid
- This project was delayed so pricing is affected – will be an income loss – had to get sign off and they were the first
- First Baptist signed a letter of intent (helped by June) – will be doing power purchase and putting in panels
- Green building award prospect is Hunt's Photo

### **Healthy Melrose Planning - May 11<sup>th</sup> (Alanna/Kristi)**

- Lori is putting together EV showcase and Kristi will set up booth. Volunteers
- May have EV motorcycle's (Rodney)
- (Victorian Fair- may want to put together display about air heat pump and retrofits

### **Legislative update Doug (Lisa and Lori)**

- NESEA- will postpone discussion until April (can go on website) Conference Link
- Sierra club had a summit - Lisa Trimble – will report on this
- Network How communities share – Lisa is looking at clearing house
- Trees for Watertown meeting – preserving urban forest
- 350 Mystic Valley is covering the Green Legislation in Congress
- Travis Estes – now working evaluating green contractor – may want to have him give presentation

**Energy Efficiency Manager Report -Martha Grover**

- IECC Meeting:
  - Following up on the February presentation by Carol Oldham from MCAN about making building codes more energy efficient, Ellen sent a letter from MEC to Paul Johnson, Building Commissioner.
  - Paul registered four voters under his Governmental Membership – himself, Inspections clerk Cathy Alphen, Fire Chief Collina, and City Planner Denise Gaffey.
  - Martha also registered the Planning Department as a second Governmental Member the other day and am waiting for confirmation so she can register as a voter. We have until September to add three more voters under Planning which could be Aldermen or others from Planning.
  - We potentially have eight voters from Melrose.
  
- Other Items:
  - Several MEC members attended the NESEA (Northeast Sustainable Energy Association) conference on March 14 and 15 and it might be good to share some new ideas as well as trends in the larger regional sustainable energy world.
  - Energy Aggregation program went out for bid today. We will have rates below National Grid
  - Did ‘class’ on energy aggregation
  - Trivia Bee – Jeff, Martha, Lisa and – got a lot of points
  - Lori and Cassandra and Martha went to session about condos (Towers), - looking at opportunity for energy savings - Could take on as a project

**Legislative issues:**

Lisa Trimble: Will discuss the March Sierra Club MA municipal regional meeting, as well as information about Trees for Watertown.

**Motion to adjourn - So passed**

Next MEC meeting: Thursday, April 25th, Cassidy Conf Room, City Hall.

*Future events of interest:*

- May 11<sup>th</sup>: Healthy Melrose, High School Grounds

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**Upcoming 2019 MEC Meetings**

March 28, April 25, May 23

June 27, July 25, NO AUGUST Meeting, September 26, October 24

November 21 (room tbd), NO DECEMBER Meeting

Cassidy Conference Room (unless noted)