

MELROSE ENERGY COMMISSION Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Thursday, November 21, 2019 7:15 pm

Cassidy Conference Room, City Hall

Attendees: Tyler Ballew, Susan Baron, David Bliss, June Cuttino, Jeff Doody, Rodney Dowell, Ellen Katz, Cassandra Koutalidis Gary Lamoth, Alanna Nelson, Barbara Simko Lori Timmerman, , Lisa Trimble

Presiding: Alana Nelson **Secretary:** Susan Baron

Welcome, Introductions, and Approve October Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve October meeting minutes – so approved.

Update on the International Building Code Election (Ellen)

- Will send out follow up letter to go to our representatives reminding them to vote for a net zero code stretch code. This is to go to eight members including Paul Johnson, building inspector, Martha Grover, Mayor and Fire Marshall
- **Motion** to send letter – so moved

Nominations and Approval for MEC Co-Chair for 2019-2020

- Co-Chair: Sunil and Alanna
- Secretary: Susan Baron
 - **Motion** to accept Cochair/ Secretary nominees-so moved
- Communication Coordinator: Still looking for someone to be coordinator.
 - Howie-may still provide press releases as needed.
 - Alanna will send out survey monkey to see the ways MEC members are comfortable contributing to communicating

HeatSmart Grant and Survey (Susan Murphy- Lori Timmerman)

- Got survey results. Susan is submitting application for grant – air source heat pumps etc.
- Includes time line of events of how we reach out to public
- This will require 400 to 600 volunteer hours in yearlong program to get installation
 - Will need volunteers to meet this goal

Presentation by the Historic New England on Energy Retrofit for Historic Homes (Alanna)

January 30th Presentation

- Publicized:
 - Kiosk posting, posting on lake area, Howie to do press release, email through google group,
 - Sierra Club –Lisa Trimble, notified Melrose Historic Commission and Historic District Commission, Contact Building inspectional service to reach out to contractors and realtors- Gary
- Suggested do an renewable 100% presentation and perhaps Window Woman of New England

Solar Subcommittee Update (Jeff/Lori)

- Melrose Highland Congregational Church is now turned on with solar
 - Ran into a lot of problems- Will make list of things that went wrong so as to avoid problems and determine distribution of this listing
- They will be Dec 8th celebration - MEC

- Martha Grover submitted Melrose to SolSmart for award. Melrose won SolSmart Innovation (2019) award for the Big Roof Solar Campaign

Opt Up to 100% Local renewable Campaign (Lisa)

- Looking for ways to promote
 - Home for the Holidays December 7th Alternative holiday fair at UU church. -we might want to use this venue- we have flyers that David Bliss can get on a table

Climate Action Sub-Committee Update (Rodney)

- Two training events
 - Greenhouse gas inventory tool- did not attend
 - Nov 15 went to focus group training- attended
- November 26th City Hall for MAP (Melrose Action Plan) – will determine outreach

Motion to end meeting – so moved 9:03pm

Next MEC meeting: Thursday, January 23rd, Cassidy Conference Room, Melrose City Hall