



## MELROSE ENERGY COMMISSION

### MELROSE ENERGY COMMISSION Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 7:15 pm

**Location:** Zoom

**Attendees:** Susan Baron, Andrea Bates, David Bliss, Tom Champoux, June Cuttino, Rodney Dowell, Jim Garrett, Martha Grover, Ellen Katz, Gary Lamothe, Elaina Rivais, Ian Moriarty, Susan Murphy, Alanna Nelson, Karen Reedy, Sunil Sainis, Lori Timmerman, Lisa Trimble

**Presiding:** Alanna Nelson and Sunil Sainis **Secretary:** Susan Baron

- Introductions - how did you celebrate Earth Day

**Motion** to approve February 2020 meeting minutes – so approved by roll call

#### Melrose Climate Action - Martha Grover

- City Personnel
  - New DPW head just started: Elena Proakis Ellis
  - Assistant Director of Administration- Jim Troup from Lowell DPW
  - New facilities manager will be starting soon
- Facility Work
  - Beebe School boiler replacement
  - LED Roosevelt school retrofit
  - LED lighting for middle school auditorium
  - Kitchen upgrades for middle and high school
  - MVP Action grant for City Hall parking lot
  - Community micro grid being reviewed -still in review, but there are a lot of barriers
  - Looking at charge structure for the EV chargers in town
  - Solar- High School Parking lot canopy being reviewed - again
- Mayor's office will run series of blogs about different green topics.
- MAPC Team created a GHG Net Zero inventory tool and our data has been submitted. Will be trying to make data more approachable.
- MAPC Team is working of four net zero strategy sections for a Playbook- Mobility, Buildings, Zoning & Permitting, and Clean Energy Supply.
- Martha would like to subgroup to talk about Playbook to see what is important for Melrose for these four topics.
- Martha will send out invitation for an evening.
- Electricity market affected and we extended our supply contract additional 10% MA Class 1 RECs for municipal buildings through 2023

#### HeatSmart - Susan Murphy

- HeatSmart is a program by Mass CEC that gives grants to promoting clean heating technologies
- MEC applied for a grant and was awarded this grant. (\$9,500 – first \$2,500 received already) They will issue an RFP for installers for each technology, then do campaign with CEC funds. They were supposed to select installers in March but this has been held up.
- There will be social media campaign starting with an announcement.

- Mayor will put information on city blog. Discussed other outreach methods that might be used.
- Hope RFP will go out next week and homes can be evaluated.
- Goals are rather modest, but the goal of this program is educational in nature
- If anyone has installer they want to promote, air and ground sources heat pump, solar hot water write to [heatsmartmelrose@gmail.com](mailto:heatsmartmelrose@gmail.com)
- Team: Susan Murphy, Martha Grover, Lori Timmerman and Gary Lamothe and Sunil Sainis – others are welcome to join the effort

**CEA update-** Martha Grover

- Met with Community Electricity Aggregate group to review rebranding site.
- Want to send letter to people who opted out.
- National Grid rate comes out on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Will want to message and stress green component.
- Newburyport wants Lori to do a presentation about CEA.

**Outreach in the days of distancing - how can MEC adapt?** Alanna Nelson

MEC is pursuing projects with limited and changing outreach opportunities.

- Discussion of how to use social media and other alternate outreach to promote MEC and MEC goals.
- There are budget dollars available
- Note: Sunil – HeatSmart person will be helping with plan forward. We may want to copy structure of messaging.
- Look into hiring someone to coordinate and do social media
  - We want person who can developed scope of work and present proposal – Alanna will develop scope of work Email Alanna to review this
  - Alanna will create Google doc to brainstorm about goals and priorities

**Adjourn** at: 9:05