



MELROSE ENERGY COMMISSION Special Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Friday, May 21, 2021 4:00 pm

Location: Internet

Attendees: David Bliss, Ellen Katz, Gary Lamothe, Susan Murphy, Ian Moriarty

Welcome

Brief review of status of Zoning Incentive proposal before the Planning Board by Ellen and Susan.

Discussed recommend language to be sent to Planning Board

- Certification of buildings over a size threshold
- Specific building envelope upgrades for all buildings
- Electric HVAC for all buildings
- Waive certification in some cases of preserving historic structures

Language proposed:

1. Remove and replace Section 235-66 paragraph D.1.b with the following requirement:

(b) Green building requirement

(i) For any proposed building receiving an incentive under this section, regardless of size, the following green building practices are required:

- There shall be no on-site combustion for HVAC system operation; and
- The building shall incorporate building enclosure upgrades including continuous interior or exterior insulation, reduced thermal bridging, air sealing system, and high-performance windows and doors. Buildings certified under one of the building certification standards set forth in 235-66(D)(1)(b) shall be presumed to meet the building enclosure requirements.

(ii) For proposed buildings or additions with Gross Floor Area \geq 10,000 square feet, certification under the current version of one of the following internationally recognized building certification standards is required:

- United States Green Building Council LEED Gold
- Passive House US, Inc. PHIUS+
- International Living Futures Institute Zero Energy Certification

(iii) The certification requirement of paragraph (ii) above may be waived if necessary, for projects subject to review by the Melrose Historic District Commission.

Susan moves that MEC instructs the chairs to sending a letter to the Planning Board recommending the above language, Ellen second.

All those in favor:

David Bliss yes

Ellen Katz yes

Gary Lamothe yes

Susan Murphy yes

Ian Moriarty yes

Motion passed

8:50 *Motion to Adjourn Unanimous*

Motion passed