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**Medford Energy Committee  
Minutes  
November 4, 2013, 6PM  
City Hall Room 201**

**Attendees:** Fred Laskey, Bob Paine, Rick Sacco, Alicia Hunt, Susan Altman, Brett Sullivan, Jeff Goldsmith, John Rogers, Kathleen McKenna, Jon Hunt

**6:05pm**

1. Approval of the Minutes of October 10, 2013 – approved as amended (typos)
2. EE & EC
  - a. Go-Green Update (Alicia) –
    - Work scheduled - 1
    - Contracts out to customer – 9
    - Audit completed – no recommendation - 15
    - Audit authorized or scheduled – 15
    - Interest expressed but no customer contact - 158
3. Renewables
  - a. Solarize Medford Update (Kathleen) - 387.6 kW, 46 contracts, 185 kW in the last 24 hours.
4. Planning & Policy/Cross-Mission
  - a. Recycling Update (Alicia) - Hiring intern through work study; waiting on WM; shared new brochure & change of last yard waste pickup date.
  - b. Harvest Your Energy debrief (update active committee lists) (Alicia) - went well; GA recipients were very happy;  
Susan: Specific with criteria for success next year? New attendees versus total? What changes are people agreeing to make by coming? There were fewer people this year. How did raffle go? How did electronics recycling go - ? Food is a must. Hot beverages would be better.
  - c. Jingle Bell Festival? Any interest? - Sat 11/30 – no because of the timing of the event
5. Admin & Communication
  - a. Blog Update – Jonathan & Susan
    - i. Need to follow up with Elisabeth & Kathleen
    - ii. Susan aiming for one up a weekMedford Energy Blog – <http://blog.medfordenergy.org/>  
Go Green Medford – [http://medfordenergy.org/go\\_green/](http://medfordenergy.org/go_green/)
6. New Business



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a. Bicycle Commission Presentation (Bruce Kulik, 7PM)

Bruce is chair of the commission, Susan Altman & David Lubell were on the selection committee – very balanced committee, 15 members. Anyone can be on email list [medfordbikes.org](http://medfordbikes.org)

Cost of gas increases is resulting more cyclists, as well as growing environmental & health awareness.

Find that he's making fewer trips, chaining, planning more that he uses a bike as primary transportation. Careful about safety equipment including helmet, safety vest, lights, route selection.

“Safety in Numbers” – more bikers means more awareness from drivers.

Medford – regional commuting wants the development of the Mystic River Paths, particularly a crossing at Assembly Square and routes from there to Charlestown & downtown. Looking to make a bicycle crossing at a railway bridge or the dam. Medford Bike Commission will have an opinion and make a recommendation and will convey that to us.

Hubway expansion – logistical difficulty, need heavy volume to make it work. They have a network of trucks that move the bikes around to be where people need them.

Bike commission learning “lay of the land” - jurisdictions (city, state, departments, commissions)

Outreach – soliciting info from community about needs and habits – to share information to the committee – email to [medfordbikes@gmail.com](mailto:medfordbikes@gmail.com)

Doing group-sourced mapping – map that people can add information onto it.

Education – reach out to other groups, info on safe & legal riding practices and info for those who are around bicycles. Helping with destination & route selection.

Info on car/bike accidents are not tracked well. Lots of prejudice against bikers, so frequently accidents are assumed to be the fault of the bicyclist.

They are working with Medford PD to get more information.

They are meeting with DPW about their projects and to learn what changes can be made easily

Would like a DOT & DCR engineer to be a contact for the Commission.

Will want helping publicizing their educational articles when they start to come out. [medfordbikes.org](http://medfordbikes.org) exists, working on it, Also have facebook page : <https://www.facebook.com/medfordbikes>

Infrastructure committee – looking at roads, bike lanes, bike counts

Looking at shared lanes (unmarked – all current roads, except limited access highways), shared lanes (marks), bike lanes, buffered bike lanes, may ride on sidewalks in Medford outside of business districts – in MA, by law, bicycles may use sidewalks except where prohibited. Bicycles must follow traffic laws



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- they also have same right of ways as other cars. In MA bikes are not required to stay out of the way or use bike lanes. They must stop at stop lights and stay stopped.
  - b. Commuter traffic, reducing energy use and pollution (Bob)
  - c. Fred is going to step down from the committee, it's been 3 years. December will be his last meeting.
7. Adjourn

For accommodations please call in advance: 781-393-2137  
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**Active Committees:**

Idle Free Medford: Jon Hunt, Elisabeth Krautscheid, Fred Laskey, Kathleen McKenna  
Recycling: Susan Altman, Kathleen McKenna, Alicia Hunt

**In-Active Committees:**

Green Awards: Fred Laskey, Jeff Goldsmith, Elisabeth Krautscheid, John Rogers, Kathleen McKenna, Alicia Hunt  
Harvest Your Energy: Alicia Hunt, Curtis Tuden, Jeff Goldsmith, Brett Sullivan, Elisabeth Krautscheid, Bob Paine, Susan Altman