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Medford Energy &  
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**Medford Energy & Environment Committee Agenda  
February 7th, 2017, 6PM  
City Hall Room 201**

Called to order 6:15PM

Attendees: Curtis Tuden, Laretta James, Luke McKneally, Jonathan Hunt, Barry Ingber, Kathleen McKenna, John Rogers

1. Administration

- Approve minutes from January 9th, 2017 approved
- Administrative updates Alicia circulated the job description for the Harvest Your Energy Festival and offered that she could also advertise for an intern that would explicitly support the Energy & Environment Committee. The Committee decided this would be great if Alicia has the budget. Alicia will circulate both job descriptions via email for comment before she advertises them.

2. Mission Statement: Review old MEC statement and prepare new statement for the Energy & Environment Committee.

The committee discussed many ideas about what could be in here but tried to keep the terms to be broad and inclusive so that more future projects would be included in the new mission of the committee. Effort was made to include sustainability, energy and resiliency and to make sure that things such as recycling, carbon neutrality and our goals would be include in the new mission. We discussed including specific goals, such as the net-zero commitment and the committee decided that the mission statement was not the best place for those items to be represented.

Final mission:

To promote policies and actions that make Medford more sustainable by encouraging resource conservation, improving climate resiliency, and increasing the use of renewables to meet present and future needs of the Medford community.

3. Subcommittee Updates: Discussion of possible subcommittee restructuring. 6:50-7:20

Education - (Tuden) - Student ban the bag campaign is up to 266 signatures. They're deciding on next steps, but will likely to present to the School Committee and then make it a public campaign. Students are going to collect hand signatures in cafeterias in MHS.

Electronics recycling (cell phones, batteries, printer cartridges) is set up in the offices.

Curtis is going to take the students to the MassRecycle R3 conference, March 27<sup>th</sup>  
<http://www.massrecycle.org/r3education/r3conference> Individual non-members are \$125; last year Curtis went as the city's official municipal representative.

Green Awards - (Paine) - Bob would like to finalize the form at the March meeting. If you have any feedback, please reply to his email before the next meeting so the final version will be at the meeting.

Harvest Your Energy - (A. Hunt) - we need to set the date soon. If we're going to change any of the parameters of the scheduling, Alicia needs that feedback now. Do we want to coordinate with the City's birthday of City Hall? Luke posited that it would be too tiring for families and you will lose people if they have to get the car and drive. Discussed changing to Sunday because other large events seem to find Sundays a good day, but the committee decided we want to stay with Saturday because we've been successful with that.

Alternative Energy Park - (Young) - as reflected in last month's minutes, the AEP is a non-starter because of the Conservation Restriction. It would be a burden on the schools because of maintenance and management. It would take a lot of effort from the E&E Committee that could be better used on other projects. Is there something that could be done with the \$30,000 with the library or Police Station that would not otherwise be done? Could we put a renewable energy classroom into the Police Station to educate about energy? What about a display on the station's energy management system that could be used to educate people. What about using the money to create educational kiosks (not monitors) like the one on Clippership Ave that teaches about Clipperships, to teach about solar, wind and water energy in Riverbend Park?

The Mystic River used to be tidal and they had tidal mills in Medford - this is historic clean energy.

Curtis proposed changing the agenda to reflect the topic areas the Mayor expressed interest in:

- Policy
  - o Ban the Bag
  - o Municipal Energy Aggregation
- Building
  - o Police station
- Event Planning
- Communication

We could then list topics that will be discussed that month under each area. This would free us up to be more creative about what projects we're working on. Curtis will talk to the Mayor about re-organizing the committee with this format.

#### 4. General Outreach & Communication

Upcoming events for MEC participation

##### o 2nd Go Green Coalition meeting in late February

Talked about having an informational email list and a discussion email list.

Groups interested in the Coalition want to meet in late Feb and not wait until early April, also there was a strong preference to not meet as a coalition as part of the E&E meeting because it makes people feel like second class citizens and not a coalition.

#### 5. New Business

- Discussion of legislative, building, event planning, and communication priorities.

Municipal Aggregation – Curtis met with Good Energy and got brought up to speed on how

Municipal aggregation works in MA. He brought details to the meeting which we'll circulate and a suggested timeline:

February - Research and educate local constituencies in support of municipal aggregation.

March - Introduce municipal energy aggregation to Medford's City Council – suggested having Committee of the Whole.

If approved by City Council:

May to November - Policy research, planning, and implementation. – work with consultants to develop a plan for Medford.

- Target full implementation in time for November's winter rate change.

Information on Melrose aggregation: <https://melrose-cea.com/>

#### 6. Adjourn

8:00

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**MEC mission: To promote policies and actions that improve energy efficiency, encourage conservation, and increase the use of renewable energy to meet our present needs while considering future generations of the Medford community.**