

Medford Energy Committee

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Draft Minutes

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City Hall Room 201

Started – 6:05

Attendees – Rick Sacco, Jeff Goldsmith, Bob Paine, Brett Sullivan, John Rodgers, Alicia Hunt, Fred Laskey, Jon Hunt, J.R. Siegel, Kathleen McKenn,
Guest: James Kossuth

1. Approval of the Minutes of the October 1, 2012 & December 6, 2012 meetings
 2. Permanent subcommittee discussion – tabled until February
 3. Anti-Idling Campaign Update (Jon & Susan) – circulated information to the subcommittee. Looking at signs for other parts of Medford (schools already have some)
 4. Annual Report (Fred) – Alicia will send URL where we keep the minutes
http://www.medford.org/Pages/MedfordMA_Energy/MEC_minutes/
 5. Blog posts updates (Susan) - tabled
 6. Cable Show Update (Fred & Rick) – Rick given award by TV3 “Rising Star” for Rookie of the year at their annual banquet. They would like to interview Bob about his solar panels. Perhaps a combined show with a new 20Million gallon storage tank for MWRA in Stoneham which will serve Medford. Currently looks pretty cool, you can see the pile of dirt behind the hospital from I93. Also looking to talk to Jack Buckley & Friends of the Fells. Discussion of projects at Medford High as well. TV3
 7. Recycling Outreach Update (Susan) – Jeff wants to know about ecologically friendly ways to get rid of lumber & household waste. MassJunk is based out of Medford and they will take junk & lumber and recycle it. You usually don't have to pay them.
 8. Electronics Recycling – Alicia has information on a few companies that might be good for Medford groups to work with, but we need to look into them further and be certain we are comfortable with their practices.
- Brett will do some background research & John Rodgers will call them and talk to them. Alicia will send the information on the companies she has to the two of them.

9. Update on municipal solar (Alicia) - City will be working with the MAPC to take advantage of the regional procurement to negotiate for solar on municipal buildings. Proper terminology is a "Solar EMS" which includes the design, installation, operation, maintenance and purchase of energy.
10. MAPC LEAP discussion and endorsement (Alicia) - Energy Committee voted to endorse the LEAP. Question now of what this means for our committee – next month's agenda should include a review of impact on Energy Committee's future direction. Alicia will send a list of what energy actions the MEC are called out on in advance.
11. New Business
 - What happened with Sagewell and thermal imaging? They imaged the City last Spring and did a press release without the City's endorsement.
 - Many Cities working on LED street lighting. NStar is more progressive than National Grid. Get lights fixed quickly if you report them on National Grid's website.
 - March is the "Royal Reader" program where one day people go into the classrooms and you read a book to the elementary schools. Fred looking for volunteers, he will send email around asking for volunteers and find out if the schools need more readers.
 - Can we ask a question to be added to the City's census about how people heat their homes? Alicia will ask Ed Finn if it's possible.
 - Home Energy Assessments – training on Wednesday for us specifically, NSL having education on residential outreach on Saturday. Ellie & Carey will be posting intern positions at Tufts & MIT.
 - If anyone has a contact at Stop & Shop, the Malden Energy Committee would like to talk to them about the updated bottle bills.
 - Will ask Jack Buckley to come to Feb meeting.

12. Adjourn – 7:26pm

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