

**Swampscott Renewable Energy Committee
Agenda**

Tuesday 14 November 2023 at 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams

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Agenda

1. Approve minutes from REC meeting held on October 10, 2023
2. Review Vinnin Sq Design Guidelines, are these sufficient to align with Resilient Swampscott plan:
 - a. https://www.swampscottma.gov/sites/g/files/vyh1if1296/f/uploads/2023.10.17_vinnin_draft_guidelines.pdf
3. Green Communities 2.0 update
 - a. "Climate Leader" potential for additional grants
 - b. We applied to get assistance with Municipal Net-zero Roadmap
<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/climate-leader-communities>
4. EV Charging station update
 - a. Green Communities recommends we apply for EVIP grant [MassEVIP](#).
 - b. List of grants compiled by Diana
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16R5eexJVVU8QiB-0x4tyRhL2irTFfJUCjr1MYpFR16l/edit#gid=0>
5. META Grant opportunity (Municipal Energy Technical Assistance) due Nov 17, max \$15-\$25K Grant would be given to "independent third parties" (ie consultant) that help municipalities develop, and manage energy projects, or who perform studies to support the development of such projects.
<https://www.combuys.com/bso/external/bidDetail.sdo?docId=BD-24-1041-ENE01-ENE01-93756&external=true&parentUrl=close>
6. Review of REC website updates
 - a. Initial updates are done and electrification Fact Sheets have been posted
 - b. Work on next level of updates - any volunteers to work on this?
 - c. What other useful information can be posted, such as guidance on Solar or Heat Pumps
 - i. Guidance on Solar?
7. Revisit Solarize campaign. Is there a list of preferred vendors we can recommend to the community? New England Solar (for Hot Water heaters), Boston Solar (for PV panels), and NE Ductless (for heat pumps)?
8. REC committee slot is open
9. Event updates
 - a. Indoor Farmer's Market - any volunteers for Sunday Nov 19th?
 - b. Outreach to local contractors to discuss their recommendations
 - c. Other ideas: Community learning efforts; electrification tours (houses), EV days, have local vendors to come out and support this
 - d. Sign up sheet for events:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XO5uct1Ulap1dNFXXkcy83uMtsxJnDPZILYOcxwU0l/edit#gid=0>

10. Other business

a. The following actions are assigned to REC and REC champions:

Buildings & Energy

- 1.1.A Increase enrollment in Swampscott Community Power 100% New England Green through ongoing promotion and education. (rh,ms)
- 1.1.B Work with National Grid to prioritize repair of leaking gas pipes in town in accordance with the Massachusetts Gas System Enhancement Plan, ensure scheduling is coordinated with planned road paving, and report progress on a quarterly basis. (ms)
- 1.2.A Promote existing incentives to increase adoption of small-scale solar electricity, prioritizing low-income residents and landlords
- 1.2.B Consider mechanisms such as a bulk purchasing program to encourage purchase of solar panels and battery storage among residents, businesses, and municipal departments.
- 2.1.A Develop a targeted, multilingual campaign for weatherization and energy efficiency, prioritizing low-income residents, renters, and landlords. (de/dt)
- 2.2.A Adopt the Municipal Opt-in Specialized Energy Code. (rh)

Transportation

- 2.2.A Increase EV charging stations at public parking facilities (e.g., Philip's Park, Fisherman's Beach, Police Station, new elementary school) and on-street locations. (ms,de)

11. Next meeting date

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