

**Swampscott Renewable Energy Committee
Agenda**

Tuesday 19 December 2023 at 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams

Received by Town Clerk
12/12/2023 at 4:55 pm

Agenda

1. Approve minutes from the REC meeting held on October 10, 2023

2. CAPC/REC input to Vinnin Sq Design Guidelines was sent to Marissa

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ap63Dmv8GesTSa98Ttiv79hq8qPy3FWj3h5ZpZ6bFP8/edit>

3. Green Communities 2.0 update

New program called "Climate Leader" has potential grant opportunities. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/climate-leader-communities>

We are part-way there but In order to qualify, our town needs to complete the following:

- Getting the "Specialized" Energy Code Adopted.
- Creating a "Municipal Net-zero Roadmap". We can get assistance from DOER and applied for that,

REC to be the champion and help with implementation. Here are slides to begin socializing this step with Select Board, Planning Board etc:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xHZ8O3OY4qKeoXVvC_3IjgYvKJRsvRV9w/edit#slide=id.p1

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. Review of REC website updates

a. Initial updates are done and electrification Fact Sheets have been posted

b. Need to work on the 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?

6. Other business

a. REC Committee slot is open.

b. A meeting is scheduled Jan 10th to review Climate Leader benefits/Vinnin Sq Design Guidelines (Members of Planning Board and Select Board)

c. We did not receive MAPC grant - which may have funded a Sustainability Manager.

d. META Grant opportunity (Municipal Energy Technical Assistance) was due Nov 17, max \$15-\$25K - we did not apply per recommendation from Max - Applying for EVIP grant would be preferable

- e. 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)? Nexamp - community solar. (Ryan - any update?)
- f. Outreach Actions:
 - i. Select Board
 - ii. Planning Board
 - iii. Other: Engage local contractors to discuss their recommendations, Community learning efforts; Electrification tours (houses), EV days, have local vendors to come out and support events
- g. Community First Program update (According to Revise, we are “hitting it out of the park” with weatherizations performed. We just hired an Energy Advocate for Lynn.)
- h. Community Power update
- i. 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)

7. Next meeting date

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