

**Swampscott Energy Committee  
Minute**

Wednesday 3 February 2021 at 7:00 PM  
Zoom Meeting Details Below

**Agenda**

1. Approve minutes from previous REC meeting
2. Develop action plans for current REC priorities
  - a. Residential Energy awareness & efficiency: "Green Building Standard," Home Energy Score / MLS, MassSave Assessments, etc.
    - i. Diana volunteered to lead community outreach regarding MassSave, residential green energy, etc.
    - ii. Ryan is meeting with Ron Mendes and others about feasibility of property tax as an incentive for sustainable development. Permitting fees also a lever.
    - iii. Goal for our March meeting is to add detail to the "charter" document for this project area.
  - b. EV adoption and charging station access
    - i. Is excise tax a viable incentive? Seems like the existing tax incentives and rebates are more significant. Ryan can add this to the discussion with Ron.
    - ii. We'll plan to keep this topic on hold and focus on residential.
    - iii. Joe to send details from Baker administration on cessation of ICE vehicles - Nick to provide a precis for the group.
  - c. GHG Inventory (to revisit in 1H21)
3. Coordination with other Town Committees
  - a. School Building Committee - Sustainability Subcommittee
    - i. Ryan to forward the next meeting details to this group.
  - b. Town Meeting, Capital Improvement Committee, Finance Committee, Select Board etc.
    - i. Comments on MA Clean Energy Plan
    - ii. Ryan has joined the Capital Improvement Committee. Overall the discussions have been mindful of energy implications of the investments
  - c. Affordable Housing
4. Green Communities milestones
  - a. Actions to complete previous grant cycle
  - b. Reporting milestones
5. Recruiting REC members
6. Other business
  - a. What are the topics we are hearing about in the community regarding energy?
    - i. School project in general - energy and site impact
    - ii. Demand for energy conscious residential development - North Shore generally
    - iii. Transportation post-pandemic: what is the impact on regional transit, emissions, personal vehicle use, etc.?
    - iv. Shift in federal administration - what will happen locally? What are the implications around grid capacity, renewable sources, phasing out of ICE vehicles, EV infrastructure?
  - b. Energy choices - communication campaign opportunity

- i. Remind residents that they already receive “green power” by default
- ii. Encourage commercial and municipal customers to follow our example

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