

Swampscott Energy Committee
Minutes
Wednesday 3 March 2021 at 7:00 PM

Agenda

1. Approve minutes from previous REC meeting - approved by voice vote
2. Develop action plans for current REC priorities
 - a. Residential Energy awareness & efficiency: "Green Building Standard," Home Energy Score / MLS, MassSave Assessments, etc.
 - i. Marzie to provide update on recent participation in MassSave and Solarize Plus, include announcements in emails / social media to increase awareness and participation. Need to ensure consultants have a positive reputation. Also check with National Grid for metrics around participation. Diana to support this work.
 - ii. Nathan assisted Salem in drafting their Green Building Ordinance. Next time, he will provide an update on getting this implemented in Salem.
 - iii. Ryan spoke with Town administration members and learned that tax rates and assessments are less viable than permitting and code as incentives for sustainable choices in residential construction and improvement
 - iv. Diana presented a draft charter for residential awareness and engagement. Team members who will participate on this "squad:" Nathan, Diana, John
 - b. EV adoption and charging station access
 - i. Potential locations: Vinnin Sq, Fish House parking lot, MBTA station or adjacent streets, Burrill St development.
 - ii. Joe has drafted a charter on this initiative and will present next time. Team members who will participate on this "squad:" Talia, David, Joe, George
 - c. GHG Inventory (on hold)
3. Coordination with other Town Committees
 - a. School Building Committee - Sustainability Subcommittee
 - b. Town Meeting, Capital Improvement Committee, Finance Committee, Select Board etc.
 - i. Comments on MA Clean Energy Plan
 - ii. Community Power Plan up for renewal this fall. Can we get data about recent pricing/bids to prepare for an early renewal? Marzie to include John and Ryan in the upcoming discussions. Can we expand the scope to include municipal and commercial customers?
 - c. Affordable Housing: Marzie to raise the topic at March 8th meeting about whether a fit
4. Green Communities milestones
 - a. No updates
5. Recruiting REC members
 - a. Talia, Diana, Joe have all been nominated for Select Board confirmation
6. Other business
 - a. Ryan to create Google folder to store draft documents