

**Swampscott Energy Committee
Minutes**

Wednesday 14 July 2021 at 7:00 PM

Attendees: Nathan Young, Diana Eddowes, Ryan Hale, George Delegas, Nick Scibelli, Joe Roman, Talia Steiman

Agenda

1. Approve minutes from previous REC meeting - approved by voice vote
2. Report on action plans for current REC priorities
 - a. Residential Energy awareness & efficiency: “Green Building Standard,” Home Energy Score / MLS, MassSave Assessments in partnership with Revise, etc.
 - i. Partnership with Revise is underway, education webinar this fall (thanks Diana)
 - ii. Ryan’s recent Library talk is posted on fb - need to amplify the message
 - iii. Connect with Allie Fiske - how can we get more visibility to the events in town and spread the messages more broadly? (Ryan)
 - iv. What is the reporting cadence from Revise? E.g., monthly appointments; Do they measure before/after IR photos or blower door test? How can we summarize the impact of our partnership? (Diana to follow up)
 - v. First impression was “pushy” re: community solar - is this a common experience?
 - vi. How could we explore partnerships with Lynn or Salem on community solar? Lynn seems to be more focused on geothermal grids.
 - b. EV adoption, charging station access, proposal to Select Board for “EV First” policy, etc.
 - i. We will adapt our draft policy based on the upcoming feedback and revised definitions from Green Communities, then secure a Select Board agenda slot.
 - c. GHG Inventory (plans for 2H2021), next steps:
 - i. Source available data from Swampscott (via Marzie). Take 2017 as the baseline year based on availability of published data.
 - ii. Connect with Gino (DPW) and Max (Bldgs) to complete the survey - Ryan to connect Martha over email
 - iii. Ryan to forward this group the latest Community Power agreement
 - iv. Ryan to connect Martha to Sustainable Marblehead group for lessons learned
 - v. Martha to reach out to Arlington contacts for lessons learned
 - vi. Think about ways to engage students / scouts in volunteer activities to complete the baseline and with action items
3. Coordination with other Town Committees
 - a. School Building Committee - Sustainability Subcommittee
 - b. Town Meeting, Capital Improvement Committee, Finance Committee, Select Board etc.
 - c. Affordable Housing
 - d. “Resiliency Coalition” - Nick to reach out to committee heads to organize a joint meeting.
4. Green Communities milestones - no action until the fall
5. Other business
 - a. Next meeting date: Wed 11 August.