

Swampscott Energy Committee

Agenda

Wednesday 9 June 2021 at 7:00 PM

Attendees: Diana, Nick, George, Martha, Joe, John, Dave, Nathan, Marzie

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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. Contract with Revise is heading for signature. Target is 400 home energy assessments in the next calendar year (stretch yet attainable) and 50% conversion to weatherization project. First event is Farmer's Market this weekend. Invitation to REC members for an "early adopter" assessment - contact Diana if interested. Revise will donate \$35 for every assessment in the next 12 months. George to research the recommended insulation levels from Revise.
 - ii. Committee to decide on how to allocate the donated funds. Diana to discuss with Revise about whether we can pick the "top 3" and allow the participants to vote for the winner?
 1. Funding for residential efficiency projects identified by assessments especially where we can support economically vulnerable households, in partnership with housing authority
 2. Public, interactive, accessible learning installation on renewable energy
 3. Electric police bikes or community/shared electric bikes?
 4. Efficiency at Schools (offset project costs - new or existing buildings)
 5. HERS baseline scores (if the vendor requires additional payment)
 6. EV charging station (Vinnin Sq?) or grant program for residents
 7. Offset costs of GHG baseline (e.g., engineers or interns)
 - iii. Marzie to assist in delivering flyers with water bills - Diana to send to Marzie.
 - iv. HERS scores can be requested by homeowners at the time of the assessment. Joe shared a database of HERS scores by address (<https://www.hersindex.com/hers-rated-home-search/>). Green Communities also has a database.
 - v. Diana to connect with Allie or Marzie to post info on the program to the Town social media pages.
 - vi. Marzie to double check with Allie on the newsletter blurb about the power purchase contract renewal.
 - b. EV adoption, charging station access, proposal to Select Board for "EV First" policy, etc.
 - i. Adapting the Concord model would require us to designate a different representative because Swampscott does not have the Dir Sustainability position
 - ii. Can be implemented by adoption at Select Board and School Board (no warrant)
 - iii. Ryan to update the document for Swampscott and get feedback from Lisa Sullivan
 - iv. Committee voted to take this policy to Select Board for discussion and adoption
 - v. Talia to draft a short update on EV charging in Town (school, Town Hall, home, police station)

- c. GHG Inventory (plans for 2H2021)
 - i. Ryan to request info from Lisa Sullivan on the REPA grant program
 - ii. Martha to prepare recommendations for the July meetings about how we could take action on a baseline/inventory (Marblehead and MAPC have good resources)
- 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
- 4. Green Communities milestones
 - a. Actions to complete previous grant cycle
 - b. Reporting milestones
- 5. Other business
 - a. Diana and Ryan attended the anti-racism awareness session hosted by Town. In July we will discuss how to take action around these principles
 - b. Marzie shared that as of June 15th in person meetings will be allowed.
 - c. July meeting date: 14th 7pm (hybrid option)