

City of Malden

110 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Commission

Minutes of January 9, 2023

The Energy Efficiency and Sustainability meeting duly called in accordance with the City of Malden Ordinance and its by-laws was held Monday evening, January 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m via zoom.

- **Meeting to Discuss**

- Public Facilities - accomplishments of the past few years, current plans for the future
- Updates on climate action plan process
- Malden Community Electricity applications
- EESC reporting and communications

Attendee Names

- o Members: Carey McDonald, Eric Rubin, Josh Smith, Allyson Pardek
Not present: Matt Walsh, Molly Pidgeon, Stacy VanDeveer
- o Guests: Stephanie Alberto

Matters discussed

- Meeting minutes from meeting 12-12-2022 approved. Moved by Smith, second by Rubin.

- Guest Stephanie Alberto, Friends of Roosevelt Park, asked if the commission received the email questioning the concern of heat island effects, specifically Artificial Turf. McDonald did respond and confirmed heat island effects are on the list of items for the commission to discuss.
- Public Facilities: Rubin updated everyone on the work of public facilities over the past few years:
 - The parking department currently has electric vehicles and the city is pushing to get better incentives on the vehicles, to expand the fleet.
 - There are currently 22 EV charging stations installed across the city, at no cost to Malden in conjunction with National Grid. Environmental Justice status was taken into consideration.
 - The data shows that between 2016-2021, there has been approx. \$900,000 in energy savings annually.
 - The city has successfully addressed big ticket items for energy savings and are always re-evaluating.

The commission officially thanks Eric Rubin and the Public Facilities team for the work to save the city money.

- Updates on climate action plan process:
The group discussed the suggestion of looking at electric arrays and solar panels on city buildings.
- Malden Community Electricity applications: The group discussed the aggregation is still on track. The group also discussed that electrifying buildings needs to be in line with the electrical grid and available power.
- The commission sends condolences to Stacy VanDeveer on the loss of his friend.

Adjournment (moved by McDonald, second by Smith)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

BY ALLYSON PARDEK, CLERK