

City of Malden

110 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Commission

Minutes of February 7, 2022

The Energy Efficiency and Sustainability meeting duly called in accordance with the City of Malden Ordinance and its by-laws was held Monday evening, February 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

▪ Meeting to Discuss

- Mass Saves home energy efficiency outreach
- Fossil fuel/greenhouse gas emissions inventories
- Building code changes for energy efficiency and electrical conversion
- Climate Action planning
- Municipal Energy Aggregation Proposal
- Emissions Goals Presentation
- Rain Barrel Program
- LEAN Program update

Attendee Names

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

Matters discussed

- Introductions
- Meeting minutes from previous meeting 12-13-2021 approved, moved by VanDeveer, second by Walsh.

- Municipal Energy Aggregation Presentation: Group discusses what is needed. VanDeveer reminds all of the process, and Rubins suggests bringing Susan Grimes in again. McDonald will contact the Mayor to initiate.
- Mass Saves home energy efficiency outreach: Malden has received a grant that allows an outreach program to the community for energy incentives. Rental properties will be a part of the program. There will be a meeting in April for the Community Coalition. VanDeVeer suggested that the EESC volunteer and help in public meetings. Walsh suggested a designated liaison between the EESC and the coalition.
- Fossil fuel/greenhouse gas emissions inventories: The city is considering funding for an energy consultant to help with an inventory of city buildings. For residents, the city could recommend companies or packages to reduce fossil fuel use and emissions.
- The EESC brainstorms ideas on goals for the commission. Some ideas as follows: add trees, protect existing trees, grants for infrastructure opportunities, ban single use styrofoam and plastic straws.
- Building code changes for energy efficiency and electrical conversion: Smith suggests that new building permits must require new electrical panels have amps that will support all electrification.
- Rain Barrel Program: McDonald suggests an email distribution list to organizations that would be interested in promoting and helping with the program.
- LEAN program: Walsh will reach out to a contact at ABCD.
- Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 21, 2022.

Adjournment (moved by Smith, second by Walsh)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

BY ALLYSON PARDEK, CLERK