

City of Malden

110 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Commission

Minutes of March 21, 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, March 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m via zoom.

▪ Meeting to Discuss

- Mass Saves home energy efficiency outreach
- Municipal Energy Aggregation Plan
- Tree Planting focus
- EESC Meeting Schedule
- Climate Action Planning - MAPC Net Zero Playbook
- EESC Reporting and Communications

Attendee Names

- o Members: Carey McDonald, Eric Rubin, Stacy VanDeveer, Josh Smith, Matt Walsh, Molly Pidgeon, Allyson Pardek
- o Guest: Alex Pratt, Director of Community Development City of Malden

Matters discussed

- Meeting minutes from previous meeting 02-07-2022 approved. Moved by Walsh, second by Rubin.
- Mass Saves home energy efficiency outreach: Malden has received a grant for \$180,000 over 3 years (60K each year) that will focus on an outreach program to the community for energy incentives. There will be a partnership with Malden rehab housing programs, and a priority is to streamline the process of applying. The process is currently in the stage of completing a job description for an outreach coordinator. Walsh is interested in the liaison position between the program and the EESC.

VanDeveer suggests students may be interested in a summer volunteer opportunity with this program, and Walsh adds that The Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program might be a good partnership.

McDonald notes that the program may need multiple language translators.

- **Municipal Energy Aggregation Plan:** The Mayor has agreed to support moving forward with the aggregation process. The next step is communication with the council to initiate. The process could take up to 2 years.
VanDeveer moves that the group endorse and support the Mayor's proposal to move into the municipal aggregation process and stabilization of energy rates.
Walsh seconds. All in favor.
- **Tree planting focus:** The city has received a grant of \$100,000 to plant trees and needs a strategy on how to use it. McDonald, VanDeveer, Pidgeon to work with the DPW.
Some ideas to consider: What are the current barriers to tree addition? What is the current protocol for adding trees during a construction process? How can adding a tree become a part of the process?
- **Climate action planning - MAPC Net zero:** Rubin and McDonald met with the MAPC to apply for grants, to help the city with prioritizing an action plan for energy reduction and flood reduction.
- Next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2022 at city hall.

Adjournment (moved by Walsh, second by VanDeveer)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

BY ALLYSON PARDEK, CLERK