1. Welcome and introductions (Chair pro tem: David)
2. Review & approve minutes: correction: So Approved
3. Move to vote to approve new members:
   - Alanna Nelson, Gary LaMothe, Kristi Heiman - So Approved
   (Note: Rodney Dowell, Gabrielle Watson - not present: postpone membership)
     - For future meeting: discuss value of rotating chair and vice chair and secretary
     - Send bylaws to all new members. Post on new website.

4. Solar sub-committee update (Jeff & Lori)
   - Contacted Highlands Church member to advocate for solar installation
     - Will use approach to Highlands to develop approach for other organizations
     - Lori, Jeff and Resonant Energy put together package for a proposal presentation
   - Martha provided condo contact that is looking to install solar in condo environment
     - Spoke with Maddie(?) from Resonant Energy about approach
     - They will review different approaches

5. Web site Review (Lori)
   - Presented web site that Lori is developing
     - Request for people to review for content and spelling errors: Alanna will review after construction
     - Request contact for Solar, Net Zero and Energy Efficiency areas (Ellen Jeff and Doug)
     - Will need small introduction for member descriptions from new members

6. Public safety facility (Ellen)
   - Mayor’s blog had language about zero net energy components for new buildings
   - Subcommittee had Meeting
     - Will take steps to put together suggestions for design phase for inclusion
     - Have heard that city will use same design consultant. Want to ensure that elements for net zero are included
     - Martha Grover contacted Paul Ormond, who lives in Melrose: has web based tool to do quick evaluation for site to be net zero. Will try to involve Paul
     - Issue related to proposed combine police and fire dispatch. This affects timing of design considerations
     - Strong need for education for stake holders: will prepare presentations
     - Want to anticipate energy efficiency push for possible new library building
     - Conor McGuire offered to give tours of net zero building - Division of Fisheries and Wildlife headquarters in Westborough. He will be presenting at MEC meeting in March.
• New round of Green Community grants in March - Melrose is not eligible for this round, but there is $11,000 in unprogrammed funds left from National Grid Community Initiative award

Legislative update (David)
• Earlier this week, omnibus bill reported out of committee for Senate vote. Combines a lot of bills that move state forward - energy conservation. This will go to a joint committee for review and includes:
  • Carbon Pricing
  • Expanding Global Warming Solution Act - Accelerate alternative energy and renewable energy
  • Support net metering
• Discussed MEC advocating for items: Note: Jason Lewis did ask for recommendations of priorities.
• May want to review Alliance for Clean Energy Consortium positions to support.
• Will try to get someone to do an April MEC presentation
• People going to March 3rd presentation may have session about this.

Trivia Bee (March 24th)
This is good fundraiser for Bridge - Looking for volunteers Kristi Heiman, Jeff Doody - Looking for 3rd person. Will see if Tyler Ballew is available.

Sustainable Melrose report
March 6th Next meeting Martha’s house - recycling committee presentation. All are invited.

New Business:
• Downtown Melrose Microgrid project was selected by the MassCEC for a $75,000 feasibility study
• Martha is looking for representative for Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee. This will include response to climate change. Lori will check with Susan Murphy
• Ellen discussed business called City Compost out of Rutland. They pick up weekly and drop off clean bucket.
• Healthy Melrose
  • Will need to brainstorm about what we want to present - what upcoming issues are we most concerned about
  • Aim for 2030 issue - take data from Greenhouse gas report and what we could do to get to this goal

Select Chair and agenda for next MEC meeting: Thursday, March 22
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Upcoming events and announcements – see below
Events of interest:
• February 25, 12 – 2 pm, Melrose UU Church, Give Light: Spiritual Nurture for Climate Activism, a workshop and luncheon with climate activist and musician Rev. Fred Small
• March 3, 9 am – 6 pm, Northeastern University, MCAN Local Environmental Action 2018 Conference
• March 7, 12 – 1pm (Webinar) **Municipal-Led Climate Education Programs for Residents: Lessons from the Climate Ready Boston Leaders Program**
• March 6th from 7-9 pm at the Lyceum Room in the EB Newton School, Winthrop MA **We're In This Together: Battling for Clean Energy and Fighting Fracking from Pennsylvania to Massachusetts**
• March 24 – Pop Up Farmer’s Market, 1 pm – 4 pm, Gymnasium at the Melrose YMCA
• April 21 – Melrose Recycling Event: Paper Shredding & Motor Oil/Gas/Antifreeze, 8 am – 12 pm, City Yard, 72 Tremont St
• May 12 – Healthy Melrose – 10 am – 1:30 pm, Melrose Athletic Complex, 360 Lynn Fells Parkway
• May 19 – Melrose Recycling Event: Plastic Bag Collection & Styrofoam®, 8 am – 12 pm, City Yard, 72 Tremont St
• June 16 - Melrose Recycling Event: Odds & Ends (see website for details), 8 am – 12 pm, City Yard, 72 Tremont St
• June 30 – Melrose Recycling Event: Hazardous Waste Day; Partnering with Stoneham

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**MEC Meetings in 2018**

4th Thursday of the month at 7:15 pm
November 15, Location TBD
City Hall, Cassidy Conference Room (except November meeting)
NO AUGUST or DECEMBER MEETINGS