MELROSE ENERGY COMMISSION Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 27, 2019, 7:15
Mayor’s Conference Room, City Hall
Attendees: Susan Baron, Doug Dick, Rodney Dowell, Susan Murphy, Alanna Nelson
Secretary: Susan Baron, Alanna Nelson presiding
Guest: Sunil Sainis

Welcome, Introductions
Approval of May Meeting Minutes must be done at September meeting.
Also for September meeting: Vote Sunil Sainis as MEC member.
August 20th – Mayoral Candidates night by Sustainable Melrose
July 25th meeting will be dinner at Alanna -Pot Luck.

Geothermal Energy Sources for Residential Heating Presentation (Sunil)
- Sunil presented Emission Scenarios for Heat Pump Options. He might make uTube video and will send PowerPoint presentation to MEC email.
- One point of the presentation is that heat pump technology may be a good fit only if multiple energy saving retrofits are done for a building. Even with this, in our area, residents will need to use backup heating technology.

New MassCEC Incentives Program (Alanna)
- MassCEC just announce the release of incentives for funding heat pump installation. This is called a pilot program and extends only to end of this fiscal year. It is suspected that this state program is trying to address reconstruction following the Andover/Lawrence natural gas reconstruction.
  - Susan will work with Alanna to construct some information about this offering. Will want to get pictures or diagrams of heat pump installation.
  - Lisa volunteered to present this at the Melrose Farmer’s Market in August
  - Discussed that this is more educational than a recommendation since the ‘setup’ for this might need a whole house renovation
  - Alana will send links to this information around.
  - May form materials for upcoming Victorian Fair.

Climate Action Plan Subcommittee Update (Rodney)
- Martha and Rodney would like to set up a group independent of MEC
- MEC will provide a separate booth at Victorian Fair for this group.
- Will discuss this arrangement and coordination in the September meeting

Green Buildings Award Update
- Was quite successful

MEC Glossary of Terms
Tabled for September Meeting

Motion to Adjourn at 8:38 pm. So Moved

Upcoming 2019 MEC Meetings
July 25 is dinner meeting, NO AUGUST Meeting, September 26, October 24
November 21 (room tbd), NO DECEMBER Meeting
Cassidy Conference Room (unless noted)