

Town of Lunenburg

GREEN COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
Lunenburg, MA 01462



David Blatt, Chair
David Passios, Member
Kim Duffy, Member
Matt Snyder, Member
Chris Holden, Member

Meeting Minutes
GREEN COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
March 6, 2024 6:30pm
Sudolnik Room Lunenburg Public Library
1023 Massachusetts Ave, Lunenburg, MA 01462

Attendance:

Members Present: David Blatt, David Passios, Kim Duffy

Non-members Present: Matthew Allison, Chris Ruth (Facilities Director), Muir Haman, Bill Bernard (DPW Director)

1. Call to Order: 6:40 pm

Agenda	Discussion
Review and Approve Pending Meeting Minutes	Amended meeting minutes approved 3-0 by David Blatt, David Passios, and Kim Duffy
Committee Comment	The streetlight located at 554 Flat Hill Rd may have been missed for replacement. Not sure if privately owned. Planning Board would like GCC input for the Solar bylaw update & new Battery storage bylaw Earth Day 2024 (Parks & Conservation Commissions) – Cleanup events throughout April.
Public Comment	No public comment
Committee Organization	<i>Tabled for next meeting</i>
Discussion of upcoming possible grant approved items - Sewer Commission Pumps - School Mini-splits - Town Buildings	Next grant cycle is April, then October. Grant should be finalized by March for April. Also charging station grants (includes running electric to charger), looking for possible locations. Muir Haman suggests the Library. David Blatt suggests schools also. Chris Ruth says car manufacturers are going away from electric and towards hydrogen. Matt Allison asks if we have a charging station at the Public Safety Building. CR says no. Interested in finding out how many people in town have electric cars that would use a charging station. Once a certain amount of grant funds are reached (600k?), then we can only request 100k per grant cycle instead of 200k. DB to follow-up with Kelly Brown (Regional Coordinator Central MA for Green Communities) to confirm amounts/limits. Sewer Commission Pumps Bill Bernard reached out to Unitol to get energy savings for sewer pumps. Funds have been allocated already for project. Will try to get in time for April but

	unlikely. Dave Passios asks if there's anything GCC can do to help. Heather can help with the grant application form if needed School Mini-splits Town Buildings Chris Ruth indicates nothing is ready for Facilities. Energy Audits for schools/town buildings scheduled to start tomorrow. Muir Haman brings up Library HVAC that is on the Capital Plan. Also Solar Panels for Library.
Outreach program to increase community awareness	Green Community Signs for along roads Green Communities Committee Facebook Page informational posts on-going. Committee background, streetlight background, sustainability events, MassSave programs Grid Modernization Advisory Council • KD attended virtual meeting on Wed Feb 28th, 2024 • Summary: - o Council members are focused on ensuring the electric grid and private companies (Unitil, Eversource, National Grid) understand the increase of electric demand that will result from the commonwealth's climate policy and goals. - o Currently the Council is not comfortable that the grid is prepared/forecasts are correct with the level of information provided. - o All 3 electric companies propose significant increases in capital and operating costs relative to today's levels
Solar By-Law Revision & New Battery By-Law	Matt Allison representing the Planning Board is present requesting Green Communities Committee input to the Solar By-Law Revision of Chapter 250-4.13 of the Code of Lunenburg and the new Battery By-Law. Overview provided, By-Laws in draft.
Timeline for next meeting	Approximately 2 weeks from now – TBD

Meeting Adjourned: 8:08 pm