

Town of Lunenburg

GREEN COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
Lunenburg, MA 01462



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

Meeting Minutes
GREEN COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
May 6, 2024 6:30pm
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendance:

Members Present: David Blatt, David Passios, Kim Duffy, Matt Snyder

Members Not Present: Chris Holden

Non-Members Present: Bill Bernard, DPW Director. Karen Chapman, MRPC

Call to Order: 6:33 pm

Agenda	Discussion
Review and Approve Pending Meeting Minutes	Meeting minutes from last meeting approved unanimously (4-0) by roll-call vote.
Committee Comment	No committee comment
Public Comment	No public comment
Discussion of upcoming possible grant approved items - Sewer Commission Pumps - School Mini-splits - Town Buildings	Spring 2024 Grant Deadline May 10, 2024 (\$250k per round) If sewer isn't ready, will delay submission to Fall Grant. Priority 1: Sewer Commission Pumps - Needs Documents Submitted Bill Bernard: Hurdle calculating energy savings. Significant cost – alternative vendors sought. Unitil-related company can calculate for free by Wed PM. Karen Chapman: Was there an audit performed of the motor, VRDs, etc? Bill Bernard: Maintenance contractor indicated pump needed replacement. Karen Chapman: DOER needs to complete an audit report with pump details. Dave Passios: All information is available. Bill Bernard: Will provide information needed to get a report. Project includes VFDs. Total cost estimate ~\$280,000. Karen Chapman: DOER needs to know if Unitil is providing an incentive and if it's finalized. Finalized incentives are provided after application is received. Priority 2: Police Hybrid Cruiser - \$5000 Grant Not yet submitted from PD. Dave Blatt will reach out to Heather and Police Chief. Karen Chapman: Only needs the order form for the car. Offering money for larger EV vehicles. Matt Snyder: Is the second vehicle, K9 unit, eligible? No – hybrid version of vehicle not available. Priority 3: School Lighting – Potential Add Karen Chapman: School lighting still eligible. Can be added to grant if paperwork is received. Left a message today for Eric Hevy re: solar/regarding high numbers reported vs possible output. Forwarded information to Dave Blatt and Dave Passios.

	Energy Certification Program Training Courses - \$3000 Grant per person Other trainings: HVAC maintenance, EV maintenance repair, Building Operator, etc. Dave Blatt to look into classes. Battery-Powered Lawn Care Equipment Possible option for cemetery maintenance School Mini-splits Town Buildings Awaiting AEComm energy audit results
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, federal rebates. Determine if still available: Energy Meter at Library that plugs into appliance to determine energy pull and phantom power. Next topics: • PD hybrid vehicles. 2020 grant – 2 cruisers (5k each, 10k total). 2022 grant – 1 cruiser (5k). Essentially break even, but carbon offset. • Looking for projects to help with, mini splits at school, envelope updates, weatherization. Transition from grant programs from lighting to decarbonization/electrification. • MassSave programs
Timeline for next meeting	To meet first Monday of each month. Next: June 3, 2024 6:30pm, location TBD.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:23 pm