

Green Marblehead Implementation Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2024

Present: Thatcher Kezer, Logan Casey, John Livermore, Alexa Singer, Lisa Wolf, Eileen Mathieu

Meeting called to order at 3:35pm

Updates and Discussion:

- Discussion of grants to be applied for, for the Town overall, and the need for a Capital Plan, which is a Town Warrant Article, for May 2024 Town Meeting to recreate the Capital Planning Committee.
- Discussion of need to be systematic about creating an energy reduction plan which is required to apply for Green Community designation.
- Discussion of the need to integrate Complete Streets planning with Net Zero implementation and recognize that further improvements, to biking and walking, will reduce emissions; last Complete Streets funding was received in 2021, now applying for funding for fiscal 2025.
- Other grants applied for are Coastal Resiliency Grants; we have 75% of design done, now getting to permit, total cost 13.8 million, no grants for seawalls received yet but asking Seth Moulton's office for \$ 2 million to start project; also will apply for federal funds via Sen Markey and Warren, also Congressional Designated Spending Grant.
- Marblehead has received an MAPC Technical Assistance Grant to work with the Old and Historic Districts Commission to navigate Historic Preservation and Energy Efficiency interface. Their staff will work directly on it with Town and OHDC.
- Networked Geothermal as a possibility in Marblehead was mentioned, Thatcher is aware that it is being used in Framingham.
- Discussion that to reach Net Zero by 2040, if we only reduce our emissions 25% by 2029, we have to reduce the other 75% between 2030 and 2040.
- Mention of NESEA the group of environmental architects.
- Moses Picket House, multifamily, needs upgrades but has a dedicated trust fund set aside under the Town. This project will work on the building's envelope, with an architect, and with Mass Save (as the house is currently heated by gas); consideration will be given to switching from gas to ASHP for heating and cooling.

Approval of Minutes: Thatcher has not had time to review, revise, and to reformat the minutes for the last number of meetings that have been submitted by Eileen Mathieu. Once he has reviewed, he will circulate to the committee. No votes taken.

Public Comment:

- Mimi Hollister Gardner: welcomes Logan and is excited about his work, thinks he is doing a good job.
- Louise Yarmoff: redoing her own home in Historic District and happy to share any info she has learned.

Adjourned at 4:42pm

Respectfully submitted;
Eileen Mathieu