

Green Marblehead Implementation Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2024

Present: Thatcher Kezer, Logan Casey, John Livermore, Andrew Petty, Alexa Singer, Julia Ferreira, Joseph Kowalik, Eileen Mathieu.

Called to order at 3:35pm

Topics:

Updates and discussion on Net Zero planning:

Logan Casey gave updates on grants that town received from MAPC to create and enhance guidelines regarding energy efficiency and decarbonization measures with Old and Historic Districts Commission (OHDC); expect much stakeholder engagement and completion by Dec 2024.

Bicycle plan:

Approved March 2024, working with Toole Design, expect completion by March 2025. Outreach and stakeholder engagement planned, 8-10 sessions, public engagement, pop up engagement, online survey, planning to work with parents, schools, local bike groups. The steering committee will include members of TSAC, Complete Streets Committee, Town Staff, Safe Route to Schools. The existing Rail Trail plan will be integrated.

Moses Pickett House:

Owned by town, needs renovation, will be trying to do energy efficient renovations and will start with a home energy assessment from Mass Save.

Town meeting articles that will affect planning:

- **Community Development and Planning Department:** Thatcher expects that this department will integrate our Net Zero plan into Town Planning
- **MBTA Communities Article Zoning Changes:** Thatcher explained that we have until December 31, 2024, to get the Town into compliance with the state law, so likely we will have another Town Meeting to review these zoning changes before that date. Until Dec 31, we are not in Non-Compliance and will not suffer any penalties from the state.
- **Capital Planning Committee:** This committee will deal with Capital planning projects that cost over \$1 Million, and be composed of 3 residents, (who can't be on other committees), representatives of Fin Com, Public Works, the Comm Dev Director, Superintendent of Schools, Facilities Coordinator of Municipal Buildings, Town Administrator, Facilities director of Schools(?)
- **Article to keep State Street Restrooms open year-round:** We can weigh in on type of heating system used.

Project updates:

- Joe Kowalik gave an update on a grant that MMLD applied for that might allow us to fund solar on schools, battery storage at schools, making schools into Neighborhood Resiliency Centers, Level 2+3 EV charging at Brown and MHs, canopy solar array at MHS
- Eileen Mathieu reported that Sustainable Marblehead had hosted its 2nd Annual Green Homes Tour on May 4 and that approx. 110 people attended.

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes of four meetings distributed but approval deferred.

Public Comment: None

Vote to adjourn: 4:35pm

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Mathieu
June 23, 2024