

Green Marblehead Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2023

Present: Brooks Winner, MAPC , Chair; John Albright, Thatcher Kezer, Rebecca Curran Cutting, Andrew Petty, Eileen Mathieu, Lisa Wolf, Joseph Kowalik

Updates:

Sustainability Manager position approved as part of the budget at Town Meeting on Monday May 1. Congratulations were given to Thatcher for explaining the need for the position and the financing of the salary.

Joe Kowalik announced that MMLD has posted the position of Sustainability Manager and that he has received several applicants, but has not begun to interview. Lisa Wolf, Joe Kowalik and Thatcher talked about the different roles the two could play, Lisa Wolf asked to be included in the ongoing conversation, as she works in an MLP town that has both positions and felt she could help think through the different responsibilities. It was agreed that further discussion would take place soon.

Eileen Mathieu from Sustainable Marblehead reported that the Green Homes Tour on April 8, was a success, attended by 100 + people, many of whom were eager to make changes in their heating systems and had many practical questions.

Brooks Winner urged us to take advantage of MAPC's website and resources for grants and technical assistance and information on Fed and State grants that are available. He offered to meet with the new Sustainability Managers of the Town and the MMLD to help them access resources. He specifically pointed us to the Federal Funding Opportunities Nerve page which has many resources on funding sources for municipalities for green initiatives.

This will be Brooks last meeting as chair, and after the presentation to the Select Board, (see below) he will no longer be chairing Green Marblehead Committee, because we have created and delivered the Net Zero Roadmap, and that will mark the end of the MAPC grant. We plan to have him attend a GMC meeting in person, in June or July, to debrief from writing the Roadmap, and to advise us on implementation strategies. He will not be available for our June 1 meeting due to travel plans. It was suggested to wait until after the Town Election on June 20. Everyone thanked Brooks, for his guidance, patience, and persistence, despite Covid and having to work on this remotely for 3 years. He will send all the information he has accumulated to Thatcher via "sharefile" so that it is in the files of GMC and Town of Marblehead.

Minutes of GMC meeting of March 2,2023 reviewed and approved with amendments

Minutes of GMC meeting of April 6, 2023 reviewed and approved with amendments.

Discussion of final Net Zero Roadmap:

Graphic of energy consumption and demand to be updated

Town Seal on cover page to be replaced with one in color

Details of Complete Streets Program as amended by Brooks Winner and Becky Cutting were added on p 20.

Plan for the future of GMC to be the implementation committee for the Roadmap will not be included in the document, as it will be requested of the Select Board on May 10.

Plan for the presentation of the Roadmap to the Select Board: Date Wednesday, May 10

Details:

- a) Thatcher will work Kyle Wiley and with the Chair of Select Board to put on the agenda
- b) Brooks will incorporate the final edits (as above) into the Roadmap and get it to Thatcher by Monday in pdf format (this will require Lisa to get the graphic on electricity demand forecast to Brooks by early Monday)
- c) Thatcher will circulate a pdf version of the Roadmap to the Select Board in advance of the meeting.
- b) Brooks or Thatcher will present; they will talk on Monday, May 8 to finalize; if Brooks presents, it will be remotely; Thatcher expects the presentation to be at 5-10 minutes.
- d) Thatcher relayed a request from Alexa Singer (who could not be present at today's meeting) to encourage GMC members to attend and offer their comments at the presentation.

Future GMC roles and responsibilities:

Chair: Thatcher Kezer, until the Sustainability Manager is hired, (after July 1, 2023) and then likely will be the Sustainability Manager.

Responsibilities: working with the Sustainability Manager on implementation of the Net Zero Roadmap, keeping citizens informed on the progress of the Roadmap. To be discussed further at our June 2023 meeting, June 1, 2023 at 3PM

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Mathieu
May 5, 2023