

Minutes Green Marblehead Implementation Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2025

Members Present: Thatcher Kezer (Chair), Alex Eitler, Julia Ferriera, Elaine Leahy, Lisa Wolf, Alexa Singer, and Eileen Mathieu.

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 PM.

Sustainability Coordinator Updates

Sustainable Heritage Project

OHDC has been asked for a meeting date, with plans for a two-hour session involving facilitators and townspeople to gather resident feedback on OHDC guidelines. The MAPC grant may be extended until April.

Village Street Bridge Application for Construction

The Village Street Bridge will be replaced with a precast concrete rigid frame, providing a projected 100-year service life and reducing future replacement costs. The project will also connect the bike path with Village Street. The total cost is \$2,980,000, funded through the state gas tax and MassDOT on an 80/20 basis, with no local matching funds required.

Bicycle Parking Grant Application

Plans call for installations at 20 locations to accommodate 200 bikes. Letters of support are needed from GMIC. A unanimous roll call vote authorized Logan to write the letters.

State Street Restrooms

The Select Board approved a \$13,000 contract funded by ARPA for McKay Plumbing and Heating, a local contractor, to install a heat pump providing year-round heating and cooling, with a 10-year warranty.

Green Communities Progress

The Town anticipates applying for Green Communities designation in 2025. Work includes establishing a municipal energy use baseline covering buildings, fleets, street/traffic lighting, water/wastewater treatment plants, pumping stations, and open spaces. A comprehensive plan will be developed to reduce baseline energy use by 20% within five years.

EV Charging Discussion

Next steps will be brought to GMIC in February, considering residential and public charging options, municipal fleet EV transitions in coordination with MMLD, participation in the Mass CEC On-Street Charging Program, and identification of potential funding sources.

Project Updates – Members

Marblehead Housing Authority and Broughton Road Project

GMIC will continue discussions regarding the potential installation of geothermal systems during the Broughton Road retrofitting. Logan will contact MHA representatives Terry Tauro and Jenn Schaffner.

High School Roof Replacement

Initially scoped as a leak repair project, the effort has expanded to include full roof replacement due to the roof's age (20+ years). Additional scope includes updating HVAC systems and potentially making the roof solar-ready, increasing overall costs. Mike Pfefferling from the School Department is leading this project.

Public Comment: None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:13 PM by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted by: Eileen Mathieu on April 7, 2025.

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