

**Green Marblehead Implementation Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2025**

Attendance

Members Present: Thatcher Kezer (Chair), Alex Eitler, Julia Ferreira, Joseph Kowalik, Jean-Jacques Yarmoff (Chair, Marblehead Municipal Light Board), Lisa Wolf, and Eileen Mathieu (Sustainable Marblehead).

Staff Present: Logan Casey, Sustainability Coordinator.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thatcher Kezer at **3:32 p.m.**

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the **March 2025** meeting were approved by a vote of **5 in favor, 2 abstentions** (members who were not present at that meeting).

Minutes from the **February 2025** meeting were approved by a vote of **6 in favor, 1 abstention** (member not present at that meeting).

Sustainability Coordinator Updates — Logan Casey

Green Community Designation:

Work is underway on the Town's **Energy Reduction Plan**, which is a required component for the Green Community application. The **Zero-Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) First Procurement Policy** has been drafted and will be presented first to the Select Board and subsequently to the School Department.

Renewable Energy Charge:

The Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Northeast Regional Green Communities Coordinator and Logan Casey will present the proposal for a Renewable Energy Charge at the upcoming **MMLB meeting on July 22**. The application for **Green Communities Designation** is due **December 2025**.

Discussion:

Member **Joe Kowalik** raised several technical and policy questions he would like addressed by the DOER Regional Coordinator.

Project Updates

Rail Trail Prototype:

The first segment between **Smith Street and Pleasant Street** has been completed. The 11-foot-wide stabilized aggregate surface includes a bonding agent that is both **permeable and ADA**

compliant, with grading designed for side drainage. A **Showcase Event** is being planned to celebrate this milestone. The next phase will extend the trail from **Rockaway to Clifton**. Discussion followed regarding the **complexity of Rail Trail management**, noting overlapping responsibilities:

- **Select Board** — overall management of the trail corridor
- **Water & Sewer Department** — maintenance of subsurface utilities, drainage, and mowing
- **MMLD** — maintenance of trees and underground conduits near Lead Mills

Municipal Zero-Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) First Procurement Policy:

The committee reviewed progress on the municipal ZEV-First Procurement Policy.

A complete draft plan is expected in **August 2025**, with the following schedule:

1. Notify the Select Board of the forthcoming policy.
2. Present the draft policy to the Select Board for review in **August**.
3. Select Board discussion and vote anticipated in **September**.

A **Public EV Charging Plan** will also be developed and presented to GMIC in the **fall of 2025**.

Mass Fleet Advisor Grant:

Logan Casey reported that Marblehead is currently uploading vehicle and fleet information for participation in the state's **Mass Fleet Advisor Program**.

The Town will receive:

- Installation guidance for EV charging stations
- Recommendations for grants and rebates
- A final report due by **end of July 2025**

The plan will assess the charging needs for new municipal vehicles and will include analysis for potential **Level 2 and Level 3 DC Fast Chargers**.

The **Mass EVIP** program could provide a **60% rebate** for municipal Level 2 chargers, with implementation expected in **FY2027**.

Discussion: Members discussed coordination responsibilities for future **EV charging infrastructure at the Brown School**, where conduits have already been installed. Clarification is needed on whether the **School Department, MMLD, or Planning Board** will oversee installation and management.

Member Updates

No additional updates were reported.

Public Comment

No members of the public offered comments.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at **4:25 p.m.** by unanimous roll-call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Mathieu

Recording Secretary

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