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TOWNSEND ENERGY COMMITTEE
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Meeting Minutes

3/2/2022, 7:30 PM

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- **Called VIRTUAL Meeting to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:32p.m. Michael Brown (MB), Edward Hermann (EH), Kathy Thompson (KT) and Ron Montgomery (RM) were in attendance. Present: Veronica Kell (VK) BOS and Vincent DeSalvo (VD) Grants Administrator. Chair announced 40 minute Zoom time limit.
- **Approval of Minutes for 1/12/2022 meeting.** Approved unanimously.
- **TEC meeting agendas and minutes provided to town hall not published since March 2019.** VK advised that Townsend's new Web Master will be responsible for updating this Committee's Web Page. RM acknowledged that an up-to-date representation of this Committee's body of work will help inform the public and interested volunteers to support our mission.
- **Status check: Green Community Grant-Funded Project Status.** As promised at last meeting RM sought and received information regarding the 2021 GCG Block 2 grant project completion status. Thank you Vincent, Veronica, Karen (MRPC) and Kelley B (GCGP) for the updates / information.

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Ultimate question: Will the 2021 Block 2 Grant Projects currently in process be completed in time for Townsend to participate in the 2022 GCGP? The TEC has heard of equipment needs that may be eligible for grant fund support. And there are efficiency projects remaining after the last round.

Per the Mass DOER 2022 Program Opportunity Notice received after the meeting agenda was final (emailed to TEC members, over laps "Kelly Brown Advance Notice" file previously emailed to members) the cutoff date to be eligible for Block 2 is September 2, 2022. This is total completion including not only the project work but also inspections, payment (Town Hall), reporting (MRPC) and answering all questions by September 30, 2022.

The latest information regarding projects completion status that VD provided to RM is that, "RISE thinks we should be able to finish by Sept".

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RM asked if that "RISE" schedule above allows for the post work inspections, and administrative work and VD offered to get the answer. VD said Rob Beauchamp is the facilities manager who does scheduling.

When polled, members present each expressed support for continuing the current projects status inquiry. (VD getting answer). And support for requesting that all parties handling / executing Green Communities Competitive Grant Projects be made aware of **program participation deadlines** (annual opportunity possible) not just contract deadlines (can stretch out over multiple fiscal years). Until awarded funds are expended and the entire post-work process is complete Townsend will be ineligible to participate in future rounds.

- **Status check: Energy Aggregation Recommendation provided to BOS:**
Since last meeting Steven Jorgansen of Freedom Logistics contacted RM ref our status and offered to be a "no obligation" resource if manpower is inhibiting action. RM next emailed KV about offer. Hearing this and considering probable rate increases resulting from War in Europe VK has proposed to bring up at BOS again via "liaison reports" to discuss.
>RM requested copy of recommendation TEC made to BOS. VK offered to provide.
- **Status check: TEC Energy Master Plan Subcommittee proposal submitted to BOS / re-examine approach?:** VK informed TEC at 1/12/2022 meeting that this proposal has been approved by the BOS.
>RM requested copy of recommendation TEC made to BOS. VK offered to provide.

THIS MEETING TIMED OUT (Zoom 40 minutes) before following highlighted Agenda item was completed. Chair sent a couple of emails to each member requesting Motion to Adjourn and members responded with motion, second and unanimously voted via cross copied emails (all can see votes) to adjourn at 8:23pm, 3/2/2022. We can take up unfinished business at the next meeting.

- **Proposed discussion:** Should TEC consider / recommend projects that are not supported by Grant Funds?
- **Schedule Next Meeting:** Chair to facilitate scheduling.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn was received and seconded by email, post time out. Meeting ended 8:23PM, 3/2/2022