



TEC

TOWNSEND ENERGY COMMITTEE

272 Main Street

Townsend, Massachusetts, MA 01469

Ron Montgomery, Chairman; Michael Brown, Ph.D., Vice-Chairman;
Kathy Thompson; Edward Hermann; ONE OPEN Seat at this time.

Rec'd Townsend Town Clerk
15 MAY '23 PM 12:08

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Meeting AGENDA

Thursday, May 18, 2023, 7:00pm

Virtual meeting. Hall not available.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85362099460?pwd=VWNtWHY5ZktUUl9kWEtVbVZGaEsrZz09>

Meeting ID: 853 6209 9460

Passcode: 456160

Call Meeting to Order:

Consider 3/30/2023 meeting Minutes for approval:

Consider 4/20/2023 meeting Minutes for approval:

Townsend Community Aggregation Plan:

> Town voted to proceed.

Green Communities Grant Program (GCGP), Spring 2023

Application submitted on time *after adjustment*...

- TA, Eric Slagle rejected project set we approved at last meeting. Our proposed project set did not include a line for MRPC assistance with the GCGP, \$5k. Still lacking a Grant Administrator. TEC Chair agreed need the service.
- There were few options in the list of projects Rise quoted. After discussion with Vice Chair MB, we dropped the Municipal Garage, Weatherization, Air Sealing & Insulation line #2 and added the Administration Fee line, \$5k.
- Net results are that the Grant application amount falls by \$500 to \$199500, Townsend cash input down by \$3000 to \$9759.
- The Green Community input per Million BTU's reduction increased from \$211 to \$214. Previously successful applications in the last round were in the area of \$196 /GC\$/MMBtu.
- Now we wait.
- Rise Engineering Green Communities Proposal requiring Facilities consideration, a formal bid process and outside advice, Ref.: Memorial Hall HVAC will be referred to Facilities via TA.
- Rise Engineering *non*-Green Communities Proposal for Solar Panels for Town Hall also to be referred to Facilities via TA.

Available Technical Assistance for Green Communities,

Message from MRPC, "...technical assistance completing your Green Communities tasks at no cost to your community."

- Ref email 5/9/2023 from Karen Chapman, MRPC that RM forwarded to the Committee, plus VK and ES.
- 4 potential areas of help available:

1b) For Green Communities. **Direct Green communities related assistance** (\$4k max / yr.) made up of... Grant Prep. (\$1500 max), Annual Report \$1750/yr max), Annual Report / Review presentation (\$500 max). Incorporate Regional School Districts into Community baseline for participation (\$1500 max)

2) **Municipal Buildings & Operations Decarbonization Baseline and Roadmap**....Develop a net-zero emissions plan for Municipal buildings. MassEnergyInsight. (\$10K max)

3) **Preparation toward developing community-wide plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions with environmental justice component.** (\$5K max)

4) **Regional clean energy planning and project support.** (Group of potential activities offering up to \$50K) Regional in nature, involves multi-community engagement for Capacity Building and Coordination of Multi-Town projects (electric vehicles / charging stations / solarize-type campaigns including efforts to reach disadvantaged populations. Would require BoS / TA involvement.

Energy Master Plan Development Subcommittee (EMPDS) Next Steps:

- Discussion (Votes may be taken):
- Townsend Energy Goals to recommend to the Select Board for initial adoption.
- Consider proposal that our Energy Goals list be subjected to a Public Hearing before turning over to Departments and Committees as the process we will propose to recommend may eliminate the Hearings attribute of the previous process.
- Suggest: Letter to BoS informing that the formerly provided subcommittee process has been scrapped.
- Suggest: Draft new process detail?

- **Topics not reasonably expected by chair 48 hours before the meeting:**
- **Open / Public forum:**
- **Schedule Next Meeting:**
- **Adjournment**