

Minutes of Meeting on 8/3/2022 Renewable Energy Working Group

The REWG met at the Monterey Community Center, 468 Main Road, Monterey, MA 01245, at 6 pm on August 3, 2022, and remotely over Zoom.

Members present in person:

Peter Murkett

Rob Hoogs

Chris Aidun

Members attending remotely:

John Prusinsky (he left the Zoom meeting about 6:15)

Absent:

Peter Grealish

Posted agenda:

Promotional materials: Logo, flyer, etc

SB's ARPA application

UMass student energy assessment program

Review of Minutes from 6/24 and 7/20 meetings

The meeting convened at 6 pm. Rob Hoogs volunteered to act as Secretary of the meeting.

UMass Community Solar Action Plan:

Peter Murkett and Chris Aidun had an informal conversation today with the UMass Clean Energy Extension Program. They are offering to have students and staff help REWG in draft a community plan for Solar at no cost to Monterey. It would include a town-wide study of potential sites for solar installations, a survey of the community as to the opportunities, drafting a Community Solar Action Plan, and making a public presentation to the community about the proposed plan. The UMass study would begin this fall and be finished about April 2023. REWG members felt this would be helpful and would interface nicely with the Planning Board's Master Plan, DOER Green Communities, and the proposed ARPA-grant-funded consultant. We would coordinate the scope of services to avoid redundancy and unnecessary overlap among the studies.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the REWG voted to engage with UMass Clean Energy Extension Program and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for preparation of this Community Solar Action Plan at no cost to the town of Monterey.

Chris Aidun drafted an email to UMass, which was approved by unanimous vote.

REWG Promotional Materials:

Members present reviewed and edited the text and logo of a draft flyer about REWG's purposes and solar installation resources. We will print the flyer for distribution at the Transfer Station, Town offices, Library, and other town venues.

Minutes:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the draft minutes for the REWG meetings of June 24 and July 20, 2022 were unanimously approved.

Regular Meeting:

Members present voted to set the regular meetings of REWG for the first Wednesday of each month at 6 pm at the Monterey Community Center. Changes to the schedule or additional meetings may be made as necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Informal discussion continued after adjournment about the need to draft a letter to Beth Greenblatt. REWG then voted to reopen the meeting to draft a letter to Beth Greenblatt about coordinating her potential services (or those of any other professional consultant) with the UMass study. The draft letter was prepared and unanimously approved.

The meeting then adjourned at 7:22.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Murkett, Chairperson
by Rob Hoogs, Secretary to the Meeting
Monterey Renewable Energy Working Group