



City of Medford
 Medford Energy & Environment Committee
 City Hall Room 205
 Medford, MA 02155
 781-393-2137



Medford Energy & Environment Committee (MEEC) Agenda

April 12, 2023 @ 6:30 PM

Via Zoom Virtual Meeting Connection (connection information below)

Office of Energy and Environment: Alicia Hunt, Director

Committee Members: Benji Hiller, Barry Ingber, Laretta James, Kathleen McKenna, Luke McKneally, Martha Ondras, Bob Paine, Jessica Parks, John Rogers, and Paul Taslimi (Chair).

AGENDA

Time	Details
6:30-6:35	Administrative: 1. Greetings, roll call, and introductions of guests.
6:35:7:05 Mr. Rocco Cieri (Science Director-MPS)	Mr. Cieri will speak on the current environment and sustainability initiatives at the high school.
7:05-7:30 Alicia	Administrative: 2. Introduction of new members 3. Review of minutes from March 6, 2023. 4. Administrative updates from Alicia Hunt. 5. Review of committee meeting dates for 2023.
7:30-8:00 All	Discussion: Follow up on conversation with Mayor regarding MEEC priorities for 2023
8:00-8:05 Laretta?	Any updates on: 1. Circle the Square event? 2. Tree ordinance?
8:05-8:20 Paul	Talk on Urban Meadows

For accommodations, please call in advance: 781-393-2137 or TTY: 781-393-2516

Medford Energy and Environment Committee Mission: To promote policies and actions that make Medford more sustainable by encouraging resource conservation, improving climate resiliency, and increasing the use of renewables to meet present and future needs of the Medford community.

8:20-8:30	Other business

Community Development is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Energy and Environment Commission Meeting

Time: January 9, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96291215902>

Meeting ID: 962 9121 5902

One tap mobile

+19292056099,,96291215902# US (New York)

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 962 9121 5902

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/aVXjXT094>

Anyone wishing to send comments or questions to the meeting can send email to enviro@medford-ma.gov

The meeting recording will be available on the committee website within a few days:

<https://medfordenergy.org/gogreen/medford-energy-committee/>





On July 16, 2022, Governor Baker signed into law An Act Relative to Extending Certain State of Emergency Accommodations. This Act allows public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely through March 31, 2023 without a quorum of the public body physically present at a meeting location, and to provide "adequate, alternative" access to remote meetings.

In accordance with this Act, this meeting of the City of Medford Energy & Environment Committee is being conducted totally via remote participation using Zoom, including committee members and the public. The use of Zoom complies with the law's requirement to provide live "adequate, alternative

For accommodations, please call in advance: 781-393-2137 or TTY: 781-393-2516

Medford Energy and Environment Committee Mission: To promote policies and actions that make Medford more sustainable by encouraging resource conservation, improving climate resiliency, and increasing the use of renewables to meet present and future needs of the Medford community.

means” of public access to the deliberations of the public body, instead of holding meetings in a public place. Persons who would like to listen to or view this meeting while in progress may do so by using the link that was included on the meeting agenda posted on the City of Medford website. We will also post a record of this meeting on the city’s website in the near future at the link provided in the meeting agenda.

Medford Energy and Environment Committee Members	
	Benjamin (“Benjie”) Hiller: is a now retired lawyer. He has a Masters degree in biology/ecology. He spent most of his career engaged in toxic tort litigation, specializing in representing children harmed by lead poisoning. Back in the 1970s and 1980s, he was part of the Clamshell Alliance which fought to prevent the construction of the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant and which brought the dangers of nuclear power to the attention of the world.
	Barry Ingber: has spent most of the past four decades with non-profit organizations that serve low-income communities and work for a more sustainable and affordable energy future. Most recently, he managed energy programs for Tri-City Community Action Program. Previously, as Executive Director of MassEnergy, he founded the state’s first and largest green power program, and the nation’s first non-profit renewable energy coop.
	Laurretta James: is a real estate agent and Realtor®. She works within the Committee to design and promote energy, sustainability, and environmental programs and events to educate and benefit residents and businesses. Her background includes working in the elevator industry, event organizing, and art and design. She was previously President of the Massachusetts Elevator Safety Association.
	Kathleen McKenna: environmental engineer at Commercial Construction Consulting, Inc. (C3), which deals with LEED and sustainability consulting, energy audits, and implementation. She is secretary of the New England Chapter of The Association of Energy Engineers. Kathleen served in the role of community solar coach for the very successful 2013 Solarize Mass Program, when she coordinated the community outreach process, answered questions from residents and businesses, and was the main point of contact for community members.

For accommodations, please call in advance: 781-393-2137 or TTY: 781-393-2516

Medford Energy and Environment Committee Mission: To promote policies and actions that make Medford more sustainable by encouraging resource conservation, improving climate resiliency, and increasing the use of renewables to meet present and future needs of the Medford community.

	<p>Martha Ondras: with a Master’s degree in environmental health at Tufts, she is a research associate at the Health Effects Institute (HEI) in Boston, working on air quality research. HEI provides high quality, trusted science for cleaner air and better health. Prior to pursuing a second career in environmental health, she retired from the post of Director of Design at Harvard Business School.</p>
	<p>Bob Paine: Certified Consulting Meteorologist and Qualified Environmental Professional. Experience in meteorology and air pollution studies and consulting. Associate Vice President at AECOM, a company that focuses on areas of air quality consulting, engineering, and compliance, climate adaptation, and PFAS mitigation. Bob has been a member of this committee and legacy municipal committees (e.g., wind turbine committee) since 2004.</p>
	<p>Jessica Parks: with a background in sustainable design and urban planning, she has experience in developing greenhouse gas reduction plans, driving energy efficiency projects, and establishing energy reporting protocols. She is currently a Senior Project Manager at MIT for projects under the campus-wide Greenhouse Gas (GHG) program. Jessica hopes to utilize her experience and expertise to help create opportunities for community engagement and education in support of a more sustainable and resilient Medford.</p>
	<p>John Rogers: extensive background in energy conversion (motors, batteries, chargers, power grid, electric vehicles). With Solectria, he worked on the electrical system for the “Solectria Sunrise” EV and on their Grid Tied Solar Inverters. With Azure Dynamics, he worked on a Ford E250 Electric Van Prototype and on the onboard charging system for Ford’s Transit Connect Electric. He now works for Instrumentation Laboratory - Bedford, MA.</p>
	<p>Paul Taslimi (co-chair): Senior scientist at Merck Research Laboratories Boston. Paul has been an active scientist for 40 years. Paul has a BSc and MSc degrees in Chemistry and Biochemistry respectively from Canada. Paul has a deep interest in mitigating the climate crisis through science education and raising awareness at the local level and hopes that his years of experience in science can be beneficial to the Medford community in addressing the climate crisis.</p>
<h2>Medford Energy and Environment Committee Municipal Staff</h2>	
	<p>Alicia Hunt: Director of Planning, Development and Sustainability. Alicia started working with the city in 2010 as the Energy Efficiency Coordinator and has managed extensive energy efficiency and renewable energy projects for the City’s buildings. She facilitated the City’s Green Communities designation and works to bring in energy and environment related grants and programs to the City of Medford. Alicia is a Medford resident who brings her green knowledge to other Medford</p>

For accommodations, please call in advance: 781-393-2137 or TTY: 781-393-2516

Medford Energy and Environment Committee Mission: To promote policies and actions that make Medford more sustainable by encouraging resource conservation, improving climate resiliency, and increasing the use of renewables to meet present and future needs of the Medford community.

organizations in her spare time

For accommodations, please call in advance: 781-393-2137 or TTY: 781-393-2516

Medford Energy and Environment Committee Mission: To promote policies and actions that make Medford more sustainable by encouraging resource conservation, improving climate resiliency, and increasing the use of renewables to meet present and future needs of the Medford community.

For accommodations, please call in advance: 781-393-2137 or TTY: 781-393-2516

Medford Energy and Environment Committee Mission: To promote policies and actions that make Medford more sustainable by encouraging resource conservation, improving climate resiliency, and increasing the use of renewables to meet present and future needs of the Medford community.