Merrimac Green Advisory Committee
Minutes of the meeting 9/28/26 6:30-7:45

Members present:

Kendra Bowker
Mike Stevens
Andy Toomey/zoom
Martha Muehe/zoom
Liaison- Ed Davis/zoom

Absent:

Cheryl Leone
Liason-Rob Gustison

Residents present:

Tom Hankins/zoom

Discussion:

- Approved meeting minutes from 8/24/26
- Approved Agenda

- Ed Davis reported that Mary Usovicz is willing to participate in a discussion with graduate student Cassie Traggert for her Master's thesis about community solar. Kendra to reach out to Cassie for some dates/times and report back to Mary and GAC.

- Discussed the waste management goals from the spring Waste Watcher Workshop organized by ACES.

  Goal: Establishing/improving communication channels with residents. How to get info we want to convey to residents? Kendra reported that residents can subscribe to the Town website News page, but this only sends out info of an urgent nature. May need a multi-pronged approach (ie hard copy handouts, links to GAC page on Town website, social media, etc.) Andy will begin researching for next meeting.

  Goal: Increasing composting. Mike to reach out to Aces director Lon Hachmeister about Newbury's grant funded compost collection program. Initial research on feasibility for Merrimac.

- Green Information sheets:

  Cheryl will work on Home Weatherization info sheet to be discussed at next meeting.
  Andy may design a logo for our committee.
  Kendra will work on other info topics as time allows.

- Zero EV policy update: Dylan Patel can not meet with Dept. Heads at their December 1 meeting but will ask a peer to attend to make the presentation. Mike will ask Pentucket Superintendent to attend this meeting, since he must also sign the policy. Kendra will ask Rob what the next steps are on this topic from the BOS on the topic of the Zero EV policy.

Next meeting October 26, 2026 6:30-8 Merrimac Police Dept and zoom