

Merrimac Green Advisory Committee

Minutes of the meeting

1/27/26 6:30-8, zoom

Members present:

Kendra Bowker
Cheryl Leone
Martha Muehe
Andy Toomey
Mike Stevens
Liaison from Selectboard-Rob Gustison

Absent:

Liaison from MLD-Ed Davis

Discussion:

- Approved meeting minutes from 11/25/25
 - Discussed and decided to reach out to Select Board, Building Inspector, and MMLD in what will be a 'listening tour'. Green Committee is looking for direction and for possible fine tuning of the survey before it is sent out.
 - Worked on wording for survey, reviewed suggested survey website, and voted to offer a \$50 entry in a raffle to entice residents to fill in the survey.
 - Reaching out to Homeworks could help us understand ways to encourage Heat Pump conversions and how we might utilize Andy's idea to incentivize.
 - We will try to help publicize the new MMLD \$2,500 heat pump rebate.
 - We will suggest the topic "How to lower your electricity bills" as a topic for an **Ask the General Manager** session.
 - Andy will come up with some questions/conversation with Building Inspector and his assistant Alyssa Sexton.
 - Kendra met with town grant writer Denise McClure who informed her that grants are available and that her and Alyssa can help. Deciding on a project is the first step.
- Waste Watchers Workshop, Black Earth Compost pilot program not discussed.

