Merrimac Green Advisory Committee
Minutes of the meeting 10/26/26 6:30-7:45

Members present:
Kendra Bowker
Cheryl Leone
Mike Stevens/zoom
Absent: Martha Muehe
Andy Twoomey
Liason-Ed Davis
Liason-Rob Gustison

Residents present:
Jim Menard

Discussion:

- Approved meeting minutes from 9/28/26
- Approved Agenda
- Discussed possibility of encouraging Town to set up a central compost site per the waste management goals from the spring Waste Watcher Workshop organized by ACES. Mike will reach out to Aces director Lon Hachmeister about Newbury's grant funded compost collection program. Explore feasibility for Merrimac at future meeting.
- Discussed how to get Home Weatherization tips out to residents. Kendra will ask Alyssa if a subweb page on the GAC page on town website could be constructed. Other suggestions: Merrimac Light Dept. inclusion in the bills, sending info sheets home with school children periodically, a small separate website, and a Facebook page. Handouts at library, senior center, schools, and condo associations are other possibilities.
- Kendra presented a Home Weatherization sheet. Should others be developed to present to BOS and Town's attorney? Kendra will ask Mary to review the Home Weatherization info sheet.
- Zero EV policy update: Dylan Patel can not meet with Dept. Heads at their December 1 meeting and can not guarantee a stand in to make the presentation. Discussed possibilities of GAC making the presentation, present to BOS for a vote, or ask Dylan to present again at a BOS meeting that dept. heads are invited to? Kendra will reach out to Dylan and Rob G for advice on best strategy.
- If Town Administrator is hired, can they dedicate time to research on green/sustainability grants from the state?
- Cassie Traggert did not respond to committee about an interview.
- Future possible events: Santa Parade, Strawberry Festival Earth Day event at Carey Park.

Next meeting November 23, 2026 6:30-8 Merrimac Police Dept and zoom