

Mountain Maryland Energy Advisory Committee

May 21, 2014, 3:00 p.m., Garrett Information Enterprise Center, McHenry, Maryland

Meeting Minutes

Committee members attending: Mike Koch, Tim Carney, Jim Torrington, Paul Durham, Dr. Ed Gates, Jo Gilman, Eric Guthrie, Dr. Stephen Hartlaub, Rodney Glotfelty

Committee members not in attendance: Bob Sutton, David Dorsey, Mike Dreisbach

Others attending: Jeff Simcoe, Cheryl DeBerry, Andrea Varrato

Approval of April meeting minutes ([Attachment A](#)):

A motion was made by Eric Guthrie, seconded by Jim Torrington, to approve the minutes. The motion was passed by a majority of the vote.

Group strategy discussion and status updates:

The Solarize Mountain Maryland residential solar initiative sub-group offered an update on their progress. The members created a framework that identifies potential targets, outreach opportunities, and considerations for grants and other financing options. They have reached out to a number of potential providers, and attended a conference call with a former member of Solarize Madison. Follow up items for this sub-group include developing an RFP, attending a conference call with the Natural Capital Investment Fund, and perhaps getting a speaker to address the full committee.

The commercial biomass boilers/solar feasibility study for the CARC sub-group provided an update on their progress and asked for clarification on the technical aspects of their deliverable in regard to the feasibility study. Mr. Simcoe advised the members to establish why a feasibility study is needed for the CARC and to provide suggestions on what the feasibility study could look into.

The Mountain Maryland energy efficiency sub-group also provided an update on their progress and offered background information to the committee at large on energy efficiency and passive home design. The members suggest an educational initiative to promote energy efficiency and passive home design in western Maryland. The educational initiative could also serve as a means to assess what the public knows about these opportunities and to help them take advantage of existing programs. The initiative could assist the public in finding the opportunities that fit their needs among the vast number of existing programs.

Break into sub-groups to work on Focused Review Project Reports:

Committee members split into the three sub-groups: Solarize Mountain Maryland residential solar initiative, commercial biomass boilers/solar feasibility study for the CARC, and Mountain Maryland energy efficiency. Committee members participated in active discussions within their sub-groups. Sub-groups worked on the Focused Review Project Report ([Attachment B](#)) as a means to organize and assess next steps for their projects.

Public comment:

No public comment was captured.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Paul Durham, seconded by Dr. Ed Gates, to adjourn the meeting at 5:00pm.