

Mountain Maryland Energy Advisory Committee

February 18, 2015, 3:00 p.m., Garrett Information Enterprise Center, McHenry, Maryland

Meeting Minutes

Committee members attending: Mike Dreisbach, Rodney Glotfelty, Eric Guthrie

Committee members attending via conference call: Dr. Ed Gates, Paul Durham, Tim Carney

Committee members not in attendance: Mike Koch, Jo Gilman, Jim Torrington, David Dorsey, Bob Sutton

Others attending: Cheryl DeBerry, Evan Hansen, Andrea Varrato

Others attending via conference call: Woody Getz

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

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

Discussion of Biomass Boot Camp event:

Cheryl DeBerry discussed the Biomass Boot Camp event scheduled for March 23, 2015. She provided a brief description of the event and informed the committee that she, Joey James from Downstream Strategies, and representatives from Garrett College would attend.

Discussion of P210-Crowd funding solar for Ruth Enlow Library System ([Attachment B](#)):

Rodney Glotfelty provided committee members with an update on initial conversations with a representative from the Ruth Enlow Library System. Committee members discussed next steps for this initiative, including following up with representatives from the Ruth Enlow Library System and contacting representatives from the Allegany County library system. A joint meeting with representatives from both library systems was proposed. A motion was made by Eric Guthrie, seconded by Rodney Glotfelty, to move forward with this initiative and to invite Dan Conant from Mosaic Power to present the crowd funded solar hot water heater retrofit model to the library systems. The motion was passed by a majority of the vote.

Energy Efficiency Initiative Subgroup meeting discussion:

Evan Hansen and Cheryl DeBerry provided a summary of the energy efficiency subgroup meeting with Jeff Gosnell and Maureen Myers that took place on February 12, 2015. The subgroup discussed the potential for integrating the energy efficiency event with the recurring PechaKucha events that takes place in Accident, Maryland. The PechaKucha energy efficiency event would include eight to twelve guest speakers presenting slides on energy related topics. The committee found this idea favorable and will move forward with efforts to advance it.

Woody Getz described an upcoming event, ENERGY MATTER\$ 2: Savings through Conservation & Efficiency at Frostburg's City Place, which will take place on March 28, 2015 in Frostburg, Maryland. The committee expressed interest in assisting Woody with this event. A letter to the council will be drafted expressing the committee's interest in potential co-sponsorship.

Update on SB 398: Public Service Commission Community Solar Projects or Virtual Net Energy Metering Study legislation:

Evan Hansen presented an update on Senate Bill 398 ([Attachment C](#)), which would establish a stakeholder workgroup to examine virtual net metering. Mr. Hansen provided committee members with a handout ([Attachment D](#)) that detailed virtual net metering programs in Maryland and other states. A motion was made by Rodney Glotfelty to send a letter from the committee to recommend that the governing Boards of County Commissioners support the SB398 legislation. The motion was seconded by Eric Guthrie and was passed by a majority of the vote.

Parking Lot ideas prioritization:

Committee members revisited ideas remaining in the Parking Lot phase of the Ideas Generation Framework ([Attachment E](#)). Evan Hansen facilitated a brief discussion on each remaining idea and encouraged committee members to make decisions regarding next steps. Ideas were divided into three categories: those that are active, those that may have a future in Mountain

Maryland but cannot be addressed at this time, and ideas that should remain in the parking lot with no further action. Although the majority of the remaining ideas will not leave the parking lot, some have become active and others will be recommended to the commissioners as potential options that could be developed.

Public comment:

No public comment was offered during this meeting.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Mike Dreisbach, seconded by Tim Carney, to adjourn the meeting at 4:40pm.