

Town of Lunenburg

GREEN COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
Lunenburg, MA 01462



David Blatt, Chair
David Passios, Vice Chair
Kim Duffy, Clerk
Matt Snyder, Member
Chris Holden, Member

Meeting Minutes
GREEN COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
Monday, March 3, 2025, 7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

Attendance:

Members Present (Remote): David Blatt, Matt Snyder, Kim Duffy

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Agenda	Discussion
Review and approve any pending meeting minutes	Matt Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes from the following meeting: February 3, 2025. David Blatt seconded. Approved by roll call vote.
Public Comment	None
New Programs that could be available in 2025	<p>Matt O’Keefe (Unitil) – Energy Efficiency Plan funding approved for additional 3 years; no changes. For Lunenburg, electrification focus for school mini-splits. Matt O’Keefe will continue to contact Susan Gilson for schools but needs gas account (National Grid) for Primary school for next step. There are decarbonization (heat-pump) specific audits. Next project Turkey Hill potentially, suggests audit for schools & municipal/town buildings (free). Online scheduling tool, to be shared by Matt O’Keefe. Weatherization is not included in that audit, but that audit still exists separately. Report is provided after completed.</p> <p>David Blatt – discusses Ritter Building renovation, bringing school offices into an addition of the building (new construction).</p> <p>Matt O’Keefe - New construction eligibility – cannot have a gas line/meter at the facility (exceptions: hospital/lab ventilation systems)</p> <p>Matt Snyder asks about when it’s an addition vs entirely new build. As long as new addition does not tie into gas, it’s eligible David Blatt: Can multiple buildings go on one application?</p> <p>Matt O’Keefe: Yes but recommends doing one first to see the output. Can do multiple audits for the other buildings. Once vendor proposals are provided, Unitil can help understand which systems would work best. Grants then could be applied for. Open for both commercial and residential customers. Matt to send out links. Residential virtual audit; commercial both virtual and in-person.</p> <p>Kelly Brown (DOER Green Communities Representative) – MSBA program is another funding option (roofs, windows, heat pumps). Green Communities grant notification award result coming next couple of days.</p>

Styrofoam program update	Grant may have been found for the dumpster. 5x5x6 ft Gaylord liners/box for Hannaford drop-off. West Boylston uses Wachusett Gold Circuit E-cycling. Can reach out to get feedback/understand their experience.
Committee Make-Up	None
Timeline for Next Meeting	TBD - April 7, 2025.

Meeting Adjourned: Matt Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Kim Duffy seconded. Approved by roll call vote to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.