



Climate Action & Sustainability Commission Agenda

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 5:30PM City Hall Room 113
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Roll Call (1 min.)

- Councillor Carey McDonald - Present
- Staff Liaison Rebekah McPheeters - Present
- Diego Maldonado* (Secretary) - Present
- Noha Haraz* - Absent
- Bob FitzPatrick* - Present
- Rachel Surrette* - Absent
- Lipin Ji* - Present
- Amanda Treat* (Vice Chair) - Present
- Auka (Christina) Mui* - Present
- Ron Cochran* - Present
- Ricky Ma* (Chair) - Present
- Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) Consultant Julia Nassar - Present

**Voting Members of the Commission*

Minutes to be Approved (4 min.)

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Strong Past...Proud Future

- Commission approved minutes from December 10, 2025 meeting. Ron motioned. Diego seconded, and all voting members present were in favor.

Introduce Topics for Working Groups to Consider (10 min.)

- Bekah to introduce Green Malden Fair.
 - Will take place in April.
Planning: Maybe Saturday April 25th?
 - What should CASC's presence be and how can we engage the community?
- Bekah to introduce Amelia Earhart Dam Resolution.
 - Could CASC put a statement supporting MyRWA's effort to advocate for \$65 million for the dam?
This statement would be sent to the city council.
 - Bob asked about the 4th pump which could help mitigate floods
- Bekah to introduce CELT Fellow schedule and tasks.
 - The name of the fellow is Will
Starts next week
 - First day
Reach out to energy working group members to meet and greet
 - Grace from Rebekah's office to help out with fellow

Working Group Break Out (60 min.)

CASC to break out into existing working groups in this order:

1. Data Collection & Annual Report / Depaving & Flood Mitigation (20 min)
2. Energy Coach / SoISmart (20 min)
3. Communications & Climate Education (20 min)

- Amanda suggested to swap topic 1 and 3 to allow tree warden, Chris Rosa, to join in person.

Each group should consider the following topics and questions:

-Decide on a "lead" for the group

- Are there any updates for the broader group?
- What needs to be accomplished in 2026 prior to annual report publishing in June?
What can be accomplished to share at the Green Malden Fair in April? Designate tasks and assign roles.
- Set date for next working group meeting
- Brainstorm any other topics that the group may want to discuss.

The following discussion points are working-group-specific:

- Data Collection & Annual Report Group: Discuss how to utilize Airtable and if it could be a task for our fellow. Discuss possible alternatives to Airtable.
- Energy Coach Group: Discuss plans to engage with the CELT fellow.
- SolSmart Group: Revisit Silver Designation. Discuss future of the group if funding for the program expires soon.
- Comms & Climate Education: Discuss Amelia Earhart Dam Resolution. Discuss Green Malden Fair support. Discuss a process for regular communications (perhaps monthly blasts?). Discuss an outreach plan to get more people subscribed to our email list.

Working Group Report Out (10 minutes)

Tabled for next meeting

- Energy coach working group to provide brief report.
 - Lead: Amanda and Julia
- SolSmart working group to provide brief report.
 - Lead: Ricky
- Annual Report/Data Collection working group to provide brief report.
 - Lead: Lipin
- Depaving working group to provide brief report.
 - Lead: Ron
- Comms/Community Education working group to provide brief report.
 - Lead: Amanda

Next Steps (5 min.)

Discuss agenda for next meeting.

- Green Malden Fair
- Newsletter Strategy
- Language on Amelia Earhart Dam

Confirm date/time for next meeting.

- The next meeting is scheduled for February 11th, 2026 from 5:30-7:00PM.

Adjournment – 7:00PM

- Diego motioned to adjourn, Ron seconded. As all voting members present voted in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:03PM.

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