

TOWN COUNCIL- HUMAN SERVICES/SENIORS/RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Town Hall - Washington Room - 41 South Main Street Randolph,
MA 02368

AGENDA

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A. Call to Order - Roll Call

B. New Business

1. Holiday Lights Recommendations
2. Conservation Commission Wetland Development Rules
3. Green Community Application

C. Old/Unfinished Business

D. Adjournment

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Item#	Qty	Description	Cost	Total				
MEN6-SIL-LED	1	MENORAH, 6' SILHOUETTE GROUND MOUNT, LED LAMPS	1,010.10	1,010.10				
7-KINARA-LED	1	KINARA 7' GROUND MOUNT SILHOUETTE 80" H x 60" W, LED LAMPS	900.90	900.90				
DISCOUNT		DISCOUNT	-207.25	-207.25				
SHIPPING		ESTIMATED SHIPPING COST	315.15	315.15				
QUOTE-ONLY		QUOTES ARE VALID FOR ONE WEEKS TIME. ORDERS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT CUSTOMERS APPROVAL		0.00				
<p>Quotes are only valid for 5 days.</p> <p>Shipping Terms: Freight costs will be quoted as shipping commercial location to commercial location/dock to dock, unless advised otherwise prior to quoting. Additional costs may apply if shipping to a limited access location, construction site, residential address, non-campus school, non-commercial location, or a location without a dock or forklift. Additional fees include, call before delivery, inside delivery, or if a liftgate is required.</p> <p>Customer Signature _____</p>					Subtotal			\$2,018.90
					Sales Tax (8.45%)			\$143.97
					Total			\$2,162.87

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From: **Jesse Gordon** <jgordon@randolph-ma.gov>

Date: Sun, May 28, 2023 at 4:11 PM

Subject: Fwd: Menorah and Kinara?

To: Sandra Cohen <sandicohen@yahoo.com>, Elizabeth LaRosee <elarosee@randolph-ma.gov>, <kate755745@aol.com>

Liz -- Could you look into sourcing for the items below and come to the Recreation Subcommittee meeting on May 31 at 5:30 PM at Town Hall or zoom?

Sandi -- Evangeline prices below but I think these two are too small to be seen from Main Street. But they're ok when lit. I asked them (a couple weeks ago and again last week by phone and email) for a quote on custom-made 12-foot or 15-foot versions. They promised to write it up but did not. Ballpark is \$5000 each.

All -- Kathleen and I counted the streetlamps on Main Street. Report below. Let's decide at the meeting on 5/31 what to buy and what source. Definitely some \$\$ for next year too, and we can repeat the process with more input from the public.

STREETLAMP REPORT:

There are three types of lampposts that we counted..

- 1) "Gaslamps" are the "good lampposts" that look like gas lamps but are actually electric. That's what was string with lights two years ago in Crawford Square and last year in North Randolph. There are two sets of gaslamps -- details below -- and none in between.
- 2) "Wooden poles" = big tall telephone poles sometimes with a streetlamp on top, and sometimes with lots of wires. There are a lot of these but they're not so pretty. And they are often on only one side of the road (so there's not so much opportunity to string decorations across Main Street excpt...).
- 3) "Metal poles": Kathleen thought maybe these could get "hanging lights" across the road -- these are bigger heavy-duty telephone poles that hang red-yellow-green traffic lights and wires and signs.

	Gaslamps - east side	Gaslamps - west side	Wood poles - east side	Wood poles - west side	Metal poles - east wide	Metal poles - west wide
Crawford Square to Avon	0	0	93	8	1	0
Crawford Square to West Street	28	25	5	11	4	2
West Street to Oak Street	0	0	11	54	1	1
Oak Street to Pond Street	6	6	25	4	2	3
Pond Street to highway	13	13	41	4	2	2

Conclusion: There are 53 gaslamps on North Main Street between Crawford Square and West Street (they stop abruptly at both of those locations). This is the number to buy, bright and bold strings of light.

There are an additional 38 gaslamps in north Randolph and I think we have about 38 strings of lights -- so let's use the existing lights there. A second Town Holiday Tree has long been placed in the mini-park at Pond Street right in front of the Milton Monuments.

--jesse


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From: **Jesse Gordon** <jgordon@randolph-ma.gov>
 Date: Sat, May 27, 2023 at 4:59 PM
 Subject: Menorah and Kinara?
 To: <sales@evangelinespecialties.com>

Could I get price quotes on custom-made 12-foot versions of each of the items below?

--Jesse Gordon
 617-320-6989

<https://evangelinespecialties.com/products/7-kinara-led#description>

	<h2>7' Kinara Yard Decoration</h2> <p>Item #: 7-KINARA-LED</p> <p>Made in the U.S.A.</p> <p>Description: 7' Kwanzaa Kinara Silhouette Yard Decoration 7-KINARA Dimensions: 80" H x 60" W Commercial Outdoor Christmas Yard Decoration & Holiday Display with C7 LE..... Learn More</p> <p>Regular price \$900.90</p>
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Our holiday displays are manufactured at the time of the order. Production time usually is 4-6 weeks. This item ONLY ships freight, please add to cart to submit for shipping costs.

7' Kwanzaa Kinara Silhouette Yard Decoration

7-KINARA Dimensions: 80" H x 60" W

Commercial Outdoor Christmas Yard Decoration & Holiday Display with C7 LED BULBS

Commercial Quality:

Steel frame with a durable plastic powder coating. Commercial grade wiring secured with heavy-duty plastic clips and nylon ties. Electrical wiring 18 ga SPT-1 wiring with C7 sockets & bulbs.

Warranty:

Under normal conditions and use of service, warranty is extended to the original buyer for six seasons on all frames and mounting hardware, three seasons on garland and electrical wiring, and one season on all computerized lighting modules. Warranty does not apply to bulbs and ornaments. For more information see [Holiday Display Warranties](#).

<https://evangelinespecialties.com/products/men6-sil-led#description>

	<h2>6' Menorah Yard Decoration</h2> <p>Item #: MEN6-SIL-LED</p> <p>Made in the U.S.A.</p> <p>Description: 6' Menorah Silhouette Yard Decoration MEN6-SIL Commercial Outdoor Yard Decoration & Holiday Display with C7 LED BULBS Commercial Quality: Steel frame wi..... Learn More</p> <p>Regular price \$1,010.10</p>
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MEN6-SIL Commercial Outdoor Yard Decoration & Holiday Display with C7 LED BULBS

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A "tri-community Greenway" is exactly what I'd like to see in the collection of huge wetlands on the Randolph-Braintree-Holbrook borders. Braintree officially has a low-open-space rating in that area (especially because they lock people out of the Reservoir Walk) and the District Councilors there, as well as bicycle-pedestrian groups, are all for it. Maybe next year.

For this year, here's a framework of questions for the ConComm to address -- the answers could become "guidelines for CPC grants" and for other wetland work.

1. Rules for "Welcome" signs at pedestrian entrances to wetlands? (This is what I'm proposing to CPC this year, so guidelines would be very timely. Or better yet, design specifications -- I proposed exactly that to the CPC last year and they said "we're not going to spend \$15,000 on sign guidelines when the DCR already has perfectly good guidelines, so use theirs").

2. Rules for negative signage at pedestrian entrances to wetlands? ("No Dumping"; "No Fishing"; "No Trespassing" -- that last one is the one I find most objectionable and is what the "Welcome" signs defeat! -- but I think the rest tell people "this must be a good place to dump" or "this must be a good place to fish" since otherwise why would there be a negative sign?)

3. Rules for parking at pedestrian entrances to wetlands? (Parking is what abutters oppose the most strongly, so my solution is, indicate on the "Welcome" sign where people SHOULD park, around the corner or up the street etc. and forgo the "No parking" sign since the police will never enforce them anyway).

4. Rules for litter cleanup in wetlands: I would like to have a DPW schedule for litter cleanup at every wetland and park. I have found DPW very challenging to get to commit to even "unscheduled" litter cleanup -- for the Lokitis Conservation Area, the CPC agreed to funding DPW overtime to remove the junk gathered over decades but actually getting DPW to do it is.... very challenging. Having ConComm guidelines on what is "expected" would really help. Like "Bring a pickup truck once per quarter to Lokitis and pull out a truckload of junk" or "send in a crew with 6 litter-grabbers to the Old Colony Rail Trail once a month" etc. I consider an ongoing litter cleanup plan to be the main way to facilitate the ConComm mandate from the Master Plan OSR1 "Continue the protection of existing open space parcels."

5. Rules for brush clearing in wetlands: This is the bulk of my CPC proposals for this year -- go in with a clipper and boots, and clip and stomp a "recommended path" so people can walk through. Sometimes there are pre-existing "natural" paths -- that's true for Lokitis and the Old Colony Rail Trail -- but sometimes there's just sticker brambles that need clipping -- that's true for Jablonski parcels near Bear Swamp. I consider brush clearing to be the main way to facilitate the ConComm mandate from the Master Plan OSR4 "Improve public access at and within land managed by the Conservation Commission."

6. Rules for boardwalks over streams in wetlands: This is the costliest item in my CPC proposals for this year -- \$700 per foot for Powers Farm-style boardwalks. I'm proposing a boardwalk to cross streams in the Jablonski parcels near Bear Swamp; and near and in the Higashi School property. Rules by the ConComm would be excellent -- like "minimize the amount of construction to as few boardwalks as possible, just to allow pedestrian access" and "let people get their feet muddy but avoid obliging people to get their feet soaking wet." This is the only "development" I'm planning this year on ConComm properties, and might be the point at which everything is considered "access" and not "development" (but a ConComm definition distinguishing those two would be useful too). The reason to make ConComm guidelines for boardwalks is that people build their own bridges over streams if there are no guidelines -- there's one right now 100 yards in to Lokitis from Stoughton Street, and another 100 yards north of Turner Drive in the Blue Hills, and a really long one just south of the dam on the Reservoir Walk.

7. Rules for Trail Maintenance: There is some potential "development" needed here for long-term maintenance -- like making water runoff swales, or adding gravel to avoid a puddle at the entry point of a boardwalk, or cutting downed trees that block the established footpath. The DCR has guidelines on this too, which the Friends of the Blue Hills (FBH) routinely implement in Randolph's state park lands and wetlands. DCR hardly ever DOES anything (just like our DPW) but they ALLOW volunteers from FBH to do it all. FBH has an "adopt-a-trail" program for that purpose, which includes reporting disallowed tasks to DCR (like FBH is allowed only to use hand tools in the state park, so we have to ask DCR to bring in a chainsaw if a downed tree is too big). MOST of the state park in Randolph is near wetlands, and FBH has decades of experience doing "development" in wetland areas that is environmentally sensitive while protecting long-term access. Maybe ConComm could adopt DCR/FBH's Blue Hills trail maintenance system as a model for DPW/ConComm.

Let me know what you think and maybe I can come to present/discuss?

--jesse

Jesse Gordon <jgordon@randolph-ma.gov>

May 17, 2023,
11:35 AM

to Joseph

I'm preparing a presentation on the "Rules for Wetlands" and I think there are two big concepts to discuss, to feed into defining the 7 Rules above. I think this discussion should be the primary ConComm contribution to the OSRP -- does that make it an easier framework under which to have a full discussion? I.e. the ConComm should have a full discussion anyway, for contributing to the OSRP and Master Plan update -- so I'm suggesting a framework for that discussion, rather than suggesting something out of the blue.

Two big concepts:

- A) Dual ConComm mission of balancing wetland protection vs. public access
- B) Encouraging passive recreational use of all conservation areas, but not active recreational use

--jesse

A) Dual ConComm mission of balancing wetland protection vs. public access

The ConComm's explicit mission is to protect wetlands and conservation areas. It's obviously a "balance" when there's a request for construction near wetlands and the ConComm balances development needs with wetland protection. It's a less obvious balance in conservation areas that have no construction, but which might require maintenance for public access. Public access isn't explicitly in the ConComm's mission but it is in the public expectation, as expressed as the public will in these documents:

- Master Plan OSR4: "Improve public access at and within land managed by the Conservation Commission."
- Community Wellness Plan 14.4: "Assess public transit service, walkability, and safe bike routes to parks and recreational facilities, and identify improvements that would increase Randolph resident access."

The 7 sets of rules are about public access. The ConComm is not **required** to think about public access -- but the people of Randolph have expressed their goal of public access, and are thereby asking the ConComm to balance public access with wetland protection.

My personal beliefs about this balance come from Jacques Cousteau: "To go out into nature is to love nature; and to love nature is to want to protect nature." He said that at the 1992 U.N. Conference on Environment and Development -- the name of that conference itself focuses on the balance between environmental protection and development. Cousteau suggests that development that fosters people getting out into nature causes people to want to protect nature -- in other words, we need **some** development so that people know what should be protected. Jacques

Cousteau is responsible for inventing scuba gear -- which has allowed millions of people to explore underwater nature -- and greatly fostered people's desires to protect what they saw. That's my goal for wetland access too.

B) Encouraging passive recreational use of all conservation areas, but not active recreational use

What can the ConComm do, to get people out into conservation areas, while protecting nature? The E.P.A. has a clear answer: "Passive recreational activities place minimal stress on a site's resources; as a result, they can provide ecosystem service benefits and are highly compatible with natural resource protection." I'd like to suggest that all of the ConComm rules for wetlands encourage passive recreational use -- which includes public access for hiking and birdwatching and picnics -- but discourage active recreational use -- which includes building facilities or maintaining sports fields.

The ConComm does encourage active recreational use of some parks, such as Powers Farm and Belcher Park -- and that's appropriate for areas considered "park usage". For everywhere else, the rule should be "passive recreational use encouraged and facilitated." How exactly to encourage and facilitate passive recreational use is the focus of the 7 sets of rules. I'd like to have a discussion about those rules, and then start implementing them in Randolph's conservation areas.

--jesse

Source: <https://semspub.epa.gov/work/HQ/174083.pdf>

Meeting Community Needs, Protecting Human Health and the Environment: Active and Passive Recreational Opportunities at Abandoned Mine Lands

Active recreation refers to a structured individual or team activity that requires the use of special facilities, courses, fields, or equipment.

What are Examples of Active Recreational Activities?

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| • Baseball | • Hockey |
| • Football | • Tennis |
| • Soccer | • Skiing |
| • Golf | • Skateboarding |

Passive recreation refers to recreational activities that do not require prepared facilities like sports fields or pavilions. Passive recreational activities place minimal stress on a site’s resources; as a result, they can provide ecosystem service benefits and are highly compatible with natural resource protection.

What are Examples of Passive Recreational Activities?

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| • Hunting | • Picnicking | • Cross-country skiing |
| • Camping | • Walking | • Bicycling |
| • Hiking | • Bird watching | • Running/jogging |
| • Wildlife viewing | • Historic and archaeological exploration | • Climbing |
| • Observing and photographing nature | • Swimming | • Horseback riding |
| | | • Fishing |

<https://www.mapc.org/our-work/expertise/clean-energy/green-communities/>

GREEN COMMUNITIES

Project Background

The **Green Communities Designation and Grant Program**, an initiative of the Green Communities Division of the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER), provides funding to qualified municipalities for energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives once designated as a Green Community. Communities must meet five criteria in order to receive this designation.

Why it's important

The Green Communities program provides an **opportunity for municipalities to obtain grant funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects**, as well as publicly demonstrate their commitment to clean energy efforts at the local level.

MAPC'S ROLE

MAPC is available to support your community's efforts to participate in the Green Communities Designation and Grant Program. Services that MAPC staff have provided in the past include:

- Municipal energy baselining, including help with setting up/organizing MassEnergyInsight accounts and tracking down missing data
- Compiling and editing Energy Reduction Plans (helps to meet **criterion #3** for Green Communities)

- Compiling and submitting Green Communities Designation and Grant applications

MAPC staff can provide Green Communities technical assistance on a contract basis, based on staff availability.

Communities just starting out on the path to Green Communities designation should first [contact their regional coordinator at DOER](#) to learn more about program requirements and notify them of intent.

Questions?

For more information, please contact MAPC's Clean Energy Manager, [Cammy Peterson](#)

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/green-communities-grants>

Green Communities Grants

Learn how DOER's Green Communities Division can help your community.

Overview

The Green Communities Division provides funding opportunities to reduce municipal energy use and costs by way of clean energy projects in municipal buildings, facilities, and schools; guidance, technical assistance, and local support from Regional Coordinators. In addition, the Division provides education on the benefits of clean, affordable, resilient energy, and renewable energy projects.

Eligible Applicants

The Green Communities Division strives to help all 351 Massachusetts cities and towns find clean energy solutions that reduce long-term energy costs and strengthen local economies. The Division provides technical assistance and financial support for municipal initiatives to improve energy efficiency and increase the use of renewable energy in public buildings, facilities and schools.

Program Details

The [Green Communities Designation and Grant Program](#) helps municipalities navigate and meet the five criteria required to become a Green Community, in turn qualifying them for grants that finance additional energy efficiency and renewable energy projects at the local level.

For more information about grant opportunities, see [Being a Green Community](#)

In addition, the Green Communities Division provides additional grants and assistance related to other [Municipal Energy efforts](#).

Contact Information

For more information, you can contact the [Green Communities Regional Coordinator](#) servicing your city or town.



Online Resources

Green Communities Division

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www.mass.gov/energy/GreenCommunities

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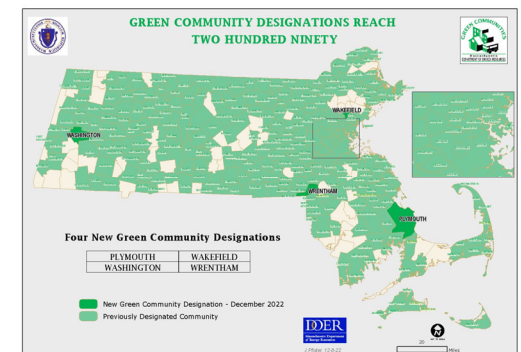
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Benefits of Being a Green Community

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- REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS
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- FOSTER RENEWABLE ENERGY AND CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES
- BECOME A CLEAN ENERGY LEADER AND A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY

The Green Communities Division provides...

- **Local support** from Regional Coordinators
- **Education** on benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy
- **Guidance and technical assistance** for all of your energy questions and projects
- **Funding opportunities** for clean energy projects

DOER's Green Communities Division

The Green Communities Division offers a full range of energy initiatives and services to cities and towns. Contact your Regional Coordinator for more information.

Regional Coordinators — Four Green Community Regional Coordinators throughout the state offer technical assistance and support to public officials and local energy committees.

Green Communities Designation and Grant Program — In accordance with the Green Communities Act, up to \$20 million per year is available for qualifying communities to implement energy-efficiency measures, construct renewable energy projects, or pursue other avenues to reduce their fossil fuel energy consumption. The Division has awarded nearly \$160 million to designated Green Communities since 2010.

Municipal Energy Technical Assistance (META) Grants — Grants are offered once a year by the Green Communities Division. All municipalities, regional school districts, and water/wastewater districts, were invited to apply for funds to support clean energy projects at public facilities. These include feasibility studies for zero-net energy construction, engineering studies, and assistance with solar PV development.

Municipal Energy Efficiency — DOER collaborates with electric and gas utilities to administer energy efficiency services to local and regional government entities. We also provide educational materials to help plan and implement all types of municipal energy efficiency projects, including streetlights, vehicles, water/sewer facilities, and buildings.

MassEnergyInsight — Offered at no cost to all cities and towns, MassEnergyInsight (MEI) is an easy-to-use, web-based tool that benchmarks the energy performance of all municipally owned and operated buildings, as well as streetlights and vehicles.

Energy Management Services Technical Assistance — Energy management services (EMS) can be an effective tool for cities and towns looking to implement significant energy savings measures without upfront capital. EMS is a type of performance contracting through which guaranteed energy savings pay for the cost of installing the energy efficiency measures.

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