



Climate Action & Sustainability Commission Agenda

Wednesday, February 11, 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 Surette* - Present
- 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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Commission approved minutes from January 14, 2026 meeting. Amanda motioned. Rachel seconded, and all voting members present were in favor.

Introduce CELT Fellow (15 min)

Bekah to introduce Will Sheppeck who is the CELT Fellow.

- Senior at Boston University.
- CASC members introduced themselves to Will.
- Carey described Malden.

Will to provide high level report out on his clean energy coach program research.

- Researching other programs from other municipalities.
 - Acton, Beverly, Newton
- Most programs are focused on heat pumps.
- Focus: Where do these programs fall off?

CASC Memo Recommending City Council Resolution re: Amelia Earhart Dam Improvements (10 min)

Ron to present draft memo for discussion and vote.

- Ron read out the memo to the CASC
- Amanda asked who the audience for the memo was.
 - Malden city council
- Rebekah read out MyRWA's asks.
- Ron suggested removing some language.
 - Bob offered a further suggestion.
- Ron motioned to approve changes made on memo.
 - Diego and Bob seconded.

Green Malden Fair (5 min)

Bekah to share out updates regarding the Green Malden Fair (GMF).

- Will be on April 25th 12-3PM.
- The GMF will take place behind fields at Pine Banks Park.
- Primarily a recycling event.

CASC to volunteer a member to support fair planning process.

- Bob and Ron will be providing support.
- Ricky asked how frequently the planning team meets.
 - Rebekah replied with 30-minute bi-weekly meetings.

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- Rebekah mentioned the idea of CASC helping out with rain barrel distribution.

Comms Newsletter & Strategy (15 min)

Amanda to re-introduce for discussion the concept of a regular CASC newsletter and/or other big-picture ways that CASC can be updating the public.

- Amanda wants to create a monthly email blast.
 - Promote events and initiatives.
 - The work CASC is doing.
- A draft of an email blast was shown to the CASC.
- Auka offered to support the creation.
- The City of Malden uses 'Constant Contact' for newsletters but Rebekah is unsure if the other account could be added for CASC use.
- Diego suggested adding links for 'more info' and 'minutes' in email.
- Ricky wants to know how we can let people know of this potential newsletter.

Working Group Strategizing: Critical Path Groups (30 min)

CASC working groups to discuss critical path items and next steps in front of the larger group:

1. Data Collection & Annual Report (10 min) – Lipin lead.

- Lipin says that the most important ones to focus on is for the GMF.
- 7-8 pages to show at GMF (light report)
- Time to send out annual report: June 30th
- Ricky wants to meet with other leads
- Carey suggested for the next meeting to compile list of stakeholders to meet with.

2. Communications & Climate Education (10 min) – Amanda lead.

- Potential meeting with Urban Arts Media (UMA) to talk about cooling and extreme heat.
- Julia mentioned that UMA wants to collaborate with the CASC.

3. Depaving & Flood Mitigation (10 min) – Ron lead.

- Focus was on memo.
- Rebekah mentioned how they met up with a regional group that consisted of stakeholders from Everett, Medford, and Malden.
- Yem and Chris Rosa were spoken to about depaving in particular areas
 - Malden high school courtyard
 - Florence Street and Main Street plaza
 - Intersection between Clifton Street and Main Street (CASC agreed to steer away from this)
- Amanda asked Rebekah if support was ended for the grant

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- Ricky asked what the goal of this is
 - Rebekah explained how it's a way to show that the city is handling flood mitigation this way but wants to promote the idea of permeable pavement to the residents.
- Bob brought up a section of the bike path that is just concrete. Potential green space idea.

Remaining Working Groups Report Out (5 min)

Energy coach working group to provide brief report – Julia lead.

- Tabled for next meeting.

SoSmart working group to provide brief report – Ricky lead.

- Tabled for next meeting.

Next Steps (5 min)

Discuss agenda for next meeting.

- Invite Councilor Stephen Winslow.
- Amanda wants another working time period.
- Green Malden Fair discussion.
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) event.

Confirm date/time for next meeting.

- The next meeting is scheduled for March 9th, 2026 from 5:30-7:00PM.

Adjournment – 7:00PM

- Amanda motioned to adjourn, Diego seconded. As all voting members present voted in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:11PM.

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