

Epiphany Sustainability and Creation Care Group Meetings

The Epiphany Sustainability and Creation Care Group Meetings are held the last Monday of each month from 5:30pm – 6:30pm. Through September they will be Zoom Meetings.

The **next Zoom meeting** will be **Monday, July 27, at 5:30pm**

Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8734975675>

Meeting ID: 873 497 5675

Dial by Phone at: 929-205-6099

Racial and Environmental Justice

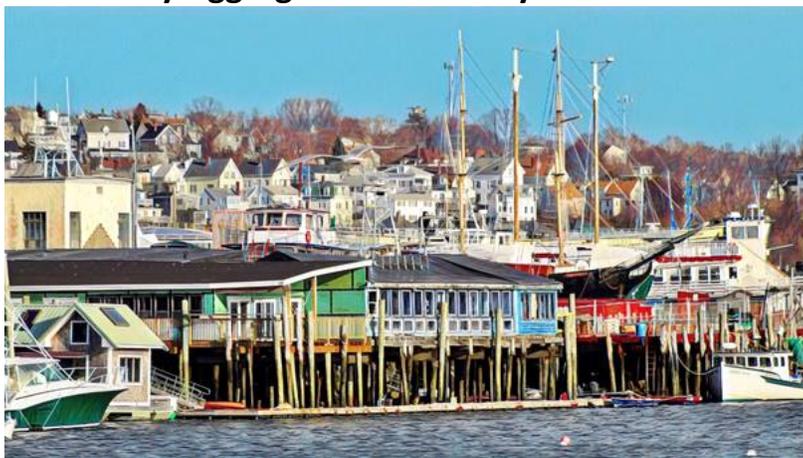
We believe that environmental justice and racial justice go hand-in-hand - that those who are the victims of racial justice are often most likely to be impacted by environmental justice. We commit to educating ourselves on the historic and current systems of racism in New England. We call for racial justice, accountability and an end to violence. We stand with those most affected by racist structures and systems. And we advocate for policies and elected leaders that are willing to address these issues.



NEWS OF NOTE

This month's focus is on communities in towns surrounding Winchester: Lexington, Stoneham, Arlington, Belmont, Woburn and Medford

Community Aggregation Electricity



"The growing number of Mass. cities and towns that have negotiated community-wide rates for green energy have saved millions of dollars while also shrinking their carbon footprints". (Gloucester is pictured above.) Parish of the Epiphany participates in one of these programs.

Check out this article about communities that are lowering energy bills alongside harmful emissions.

https://bit.ly/community_electr

Here are links to Community aggregation and 100% green electricity in surrounding towns:

Arlington: *Arlington Premium 100%* <https://arlingtoncca.com/>

Belmont: *Belmont Light Green choice* www.belmontlight.com/residential-programs/green-choice-program/

Cambridge: *Cambridge Community Electric - 100% Green Plus* <https://masspowerchoice.com/cambridge>

Lexington: *Lexington Community Choice – New England Green* <http://masspowerchoice.com/lexington>

Medford: *Medford Community Electricity – Premium Local Green* <https://medfordcea.com/>

Stoneham: *Stoneham Community Electricity – Premium Local Green* <https://stonehamcea.com/>

List of all participating towns: <https://www.mapc.org/our-work/expertise/clean-energy/green-municipal-aggregation/>

The future of Natural Gas in Mass



The Mass Attorney General has asked the state’s public utilities regulator to probe the future of the natural gas as the state moves away from burning fossil fuels. Read the Globe Article on pros and cons: <https://bit.ly/NG-pros>

Local Farmers Markets



We’ve talked about Winchester's Farmers Market in the June newsletter. Town’s throughout Metro West have Farmers Markets on different days.

Here’s info on markets in a number of Mass. communities.

Arlington: (29 Mystic St - Town Parking Lot) Wed’s 2:00 - 6:30pm / Jun 10 – Oct 28

www.farmersmarketarlington.org

Belmont: (Town Center parking lot) 2:00 – 6:30pm / Jun 4 to Oct

29 www.belmontfarmersmarket.org

Cambridge: Central Sq. <http://centralsquarefarmersmarket.org/>

Harvard <https://dining.harvard.edu/farmers-market>

Charles Hotel <https://www.charlesriverfarmersmarket.com/>

Charles River Morse School <https://www.charlesriverfarmersmarket.com/>

Lexington: (Mass Ave & Fletcher Ave) Tue's 2:00 – 6:30pm / Jun 9 - Oct

27 www.lexingtonfarmersmarket.org

Medford: (Condon Shell, Mystic Valley Pkwy) Thur's 3:00 – 7:00pm Jun 4 - Oct 15

<https://medfordfarmersmarket.org/>

Stoneham (Town Common) Thurs 2:30-6:30pm Jun 4 – Sept

24 <https://stonehamfarmersmarket.com/>

List of all participating towns: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/farmers-markets>

Biden proposes emissions-free power sector by 2035



Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden has proposed a \$2T Environmental plan escalate the use of clean energy in the transportation, electricity, and building sectors. The plan outlines specific targets, including achieving an emissions-free power sector by 2035 and upgrading 4 million buildings over four years to meet the highest standards for energy efficiency.

Read the NYT article on his proposal: https://bit.ly/Bidn_proposal

Tesla now the most valuable automaker in the world



How did Tesla grow to be the most valuable auto manufacturer? Because analysts like Bloomberg see the total EV stock soaring to 548 million by 2040, or about 32% of the world's passenger vehicles, and Tesla has a massive technical lead in EVs.

Read the Forbes article discussing how this growth has been achieved <https://bit.ly/Tesla-Forbes>

The Environmental Voter Project



Polls show that tens of millions of Americans strongly prioritize progressive environmental policies – yet many of these people do not vote.

The nonpartisan Environmental Voter Project aims to significantly increase voter demand for environmental leadership by identifying inactive environmentalists and then turning them into consistent activists and voters. Last year, the Environmental Voter Project ultimately persuaded 58,961 eco-conscious voters in six states — CO, FL, GA, MA, NV and PA — to cast ballots for the first time.

Learn more about the Environmental Voter Project at <https://www.environmentalvoter.org/>

MassDEP Draft Solid Waste Master Plan



On June 25 the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) announced that they are seeking additional input on specific issues related to the Commonwealth's Draft 2020-2030 Solid Waste Master Plan (SWMP), which establishes the policy framework for solid waste management in Massachusetts. The SWMP is typically updated every 10 years.

You can provide public comment by participating in public hearings conducted online and via telephone.

- Thursday, August 20, 2020 from 6 - 8 PM - [Link to register](#)
- Tuesday, September 1, 2020 from 6 - 8 PM - [Link to register](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS & "USEFUL" ITEMS

Blessed Unrest: Growing a Future for Life on Earth (Sponsored by Biodiversity for a Livable Climate)



See the replay of the 5-Part Online Conference

* Via Organica and Ecological Restoration Camps:

Ordinary People, Extraordinary Accomplishments

* Agraria – Agriculture as More than Farming

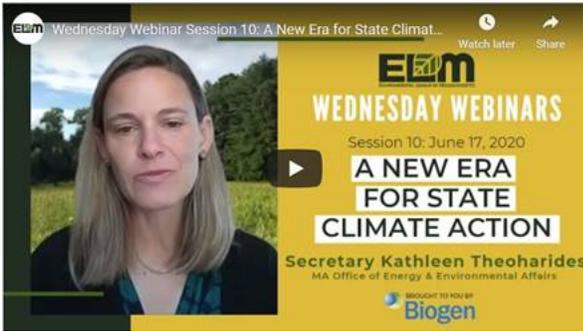
* Rising Out of Despair: Haiti's "Green Pearl" Initiative

* The Community-led Movement for Forests, Climate and Justice in the Southern US

* How Faith Brings Blessed Unrest, Part 1

Register for the replay at: <https://bio4climate.org/blessed-unrest-program/>

Environmental League of Mass (ELM) Webinar Replays



The Environmental League of Massachusetts (ELM) is a nonprofit educational and advocacy organization which combats climate change and protecting our land, water, and public health. They focus their resources on the state level. They also network and collaborate with a variety of leaders in business and government. Watch the replays of the Wednesday Webinar Series events sponsored by ELM in June:

- * Session 8: Perspectives on Climate Policy
- * Session 9: Corporate Sustainability & Public Policy
- * Wednesday Webinar Session 10: A New Era for State Climate Action

Watch these webinars at: <https://www.environmentalleague.org/news/>

ClimateXchange: Building Inclusive and Effective Climate Coalitions



The climate crisis, requires building coalitions and working together towards common goals. In this webinar, we will explore how to effectively build inclusive subnational coalitions that can push for racial and climate justice through ambitious climate policy.

Joining us are the three climate advocates who have helped lead inclusive, successful climate coalitions at the state and municipal level.

- Shilpa Joshi, the Coalition Director for Renew Oregon
- Camila Thorndike, the co-founder of Our Climate, who spearheaded the campaign to pass the 2018 Clean Energy DC Omnibus Act.
- Maritza Silva-Farrell, the Executive Director of ALIGN: The Alliance for a Greater New York

August 12 @ 3:00 pm. Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yhQeqImYQvef61xSWrJECQ

RECOMMENDED ORGANIZATIONS & GROUPS

Here are some organizations committed to climate change. This is only a small sample of the many environmental groups. If you have other groups that should be included on this list, please email joshua.reynolds85@gmail.com

350 Mass Action <https://www.betterfutureaction.org/>

Cool Winchester <http://www.coolwinchester.org/Home.html>

In other towns: Cool Mass https://bit.ly/FB_CoolMASS Sponsored by www.massclimateaction.org

The Environmental Voter Project <https://www.environmentalvoter.org/>

Heat Smart <http://heatsmartccl.org/>

The Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) <https://www.gbio.org/>

Green Car Reports <https://www.greencarreports.com/>

Green Energy Consumers Alliance <https://www.greenenergyconsumers.org/>

Mass Clean Energy Center <https://www.masscec.com/>

Mass Interfaith Power & Light <https://www.massipl.org/>

Mothers Out Front.org <https://www.mothersoutfront.org/>

Sustainable Winchester www.facebook.com/SustainableWinchester

WinPower Community Choice Electricity www.winpowerma.org

Wright Locke Farm <https://www.wlfarm.org>