



## **Inner Core Committee Meeting Highlights**

Wednesday, May 2, 2012 from 9:30-11:00am at MAPC in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room

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### **Agenda**

- Welcome and Updates
- Green Communities Program Update
- Local Energy Action Program (LEAP)

### **Welcome and Updates**

Joan Blaustein shared the good news that Manisha and her husband Ravi are the proud parents a son, Viraj Kumar Bewtra, born on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 9:20pm. He weighed in at an even 8 pounds and measured 21 inches long.

### **Green Communities Program Update**

Joanne Bissetta gave a PowerPoint presentation on eight programs and resources offered by the Green Communities Division including new programs such as the Mass Municipal Energy Group (MMEG) and the Clean Energy Results program which is a partnership between DOER and DEP. Her office is also doing some work on zoning for solar PV including model zoning bylaws for roof mounted solar. In response to a question she said that her office could provide assistance with helping municipalities pass the stretch code. One approach that can help is to hold a builders forum.

### **Local Energy Action Program (LEAP)**

Erin Brandt of MAPC introduced the LEAP program by saying that it was MAPC's attempt to think more comprehensively about energy. She gave a Power Point presentation that outlined all of the elements of the LEAP program. Following the presentation Laura Weiner invited all communities to share what they are doing in energy. Melrose currently has a part time energy manager and a volunteer group as well. Arlington does not have much expertise in energy but might be interested in a shared position with Lexington. The town is particularly interested in getting more information about potential savings. Quincy has hired an energy coordinator within the DPW to oversee a particular project but not to do planning. Quincy would like to hire an energy planner. Everett is still struggling with energy issues and would like to hire staff but cannot at the moment. They are trying to become a Green Community and have met with Ameresco.

### **Upcoming Inner Core Committee Events and Activities**

Inner Core Committee Interim Coordinator Joan Blaustein provided an update on an upcoming event which will be co-sponsored by the Inner Core Committee and will also be a Metro Future Walk and Talk event. The event will be on Tuesday, June 26 from 3-4:30 and will be a walk of the Blueback Herring River Route from the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse to Foss Park in Somerville.

### **ICC Representatives Present**

Joan Blaustein, Inner Core Committee interim coordinator  
Laura Wiener, Arlington, ICC Chair  
Denise Gaffey, Melrose  
Marzie Galazka, Everett  
Charlotte Milan, Sustainable Arlington  
Rob Stevens, Quincy

### **Other Participants**

Erin Brandt, MAPC

Joanne Bissetta, Green Community Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

**Meeting Materials** (available on ICC website, <http://mapc.org/icc>)

- Agenda
- Two PowerPoint Presentations
- Pamphlet on the Clean Energy Results program