What’s the Score? Municipal Light Plant Report Card Webinar
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Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN) was founded in 2000, and helps town level groups take action on climate locally. We are a network of organizations (our chapters) and advocates at the town and city level who work to make community level change and turn that into state and national level change.
Tonight’s Agenda

Welcome
What is an MLP?
Why did we do the report?
Results
How to use this report locally
Q and A
Municipal Light Plants

Municipally-owned electricity
14% of electricity sold in MA
What makes them unique?
- Non-profits
- Answer to elected or appointed officials
- Innovation possibilities
Why this matters to Massachusetts and more

Collective Goals- 80% by 2050

Real goals needed = Net Zero by 2030

Investor Owned Utility customers

Municipal Light Plant customers

Implications for energy democracy
Why we did this report

- Benchmark
- Prioritize next steps
- Examples of what works
- Information sharing
- Increase transparency
- Track positive change
Methods and Scoring

- Clean Energy 40%
- Energy Efficiency 25%
- Transparency 25%
- Dirty Energy 10%
- Bonus +16%
Best Practices

Clean Energy- RPS, Retire RECs, build renewables

Energy Efficiency- plans and tracking, incentives

Transparency- MLP clean energy goals, public communications

Dirty Energy- Plan for storage, plan to retire/ replace
Highlights

Belmont- transparency/leadership, clean energy

Holyoke- energy efficiency plan (with MMWEC and City)

Wakefield- Light board goals, managing gas queue

Concord- leadership/ transparency

Find resources on Concord, Belmont, Hingham’s grassroots efforts at bit.ly/mlpreport
Relevant Issues

Supportive Legislation

HD3577 Roadmap to 2050, Rep. Meschino

HD3092 100% Renewable Energy Reps. Decker and Garballey

Join webinar on MCAN’s legislative agenda in March

Not helpful legislation

HD 3054 An act relative to greenhouse gas emissions standards for Municipal

Contact Oriana for Monday, February 11th State House

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How can you use the report locally?

Go to your light board meeting

Ask them and your MLP questions

Write an LTE (contact orianareilly@massclimateaction.net)

Follow other town models- connect with activists

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Bryan DiPersia- Rowley Light Board Member
Thank you!  

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