

Alternative Energy Committee
Date: Tuesday 11/18/14 **Time:** 7:30 PM
Location: Senior Center

Attendees: Jim Goldenberg Chair, Susan Fontaine, Leslie Lawrence, Sandy von Stackelberg, Tom Burton, Lynn Smith, Bob Schnibbe, Steve Campbell, Matt Cooney, Kate Moriarty

Absent: Josh Cutler, Lew Segal, Matt Koenig

1. Call to order at 7:30 PM by Jim Goldenberg
2. Minutes of the 9/16/14 approved
3. New members Matt Cooney and Kate Moriarty were introduced and welcomed by the committee. Steve Campbell was then introduced as the incoming chair, effective in January of 2015.
4. Jim gave an overview of the recent activities and initiatives of the committee including it's research into a wind project in town which was determined to be of less economic benefit than solar alternatives, the development of a solar array on the capped landfill at the transfer station, and work securing other net metering credit agreements for the benefit of the town.
5. The committee engaged in a discussion about ideas for future initiatives that the committee may wish to pursue going forward. The following ideas were discussed:
 - a. Pursue the feasibility of qualifying the town as a "Green Community".
 - b. Inviting the Town Manager and/or the Facilities Director to an upcoming committee meeting to discuss the needs of the town and how the committee might be able to help accomplish goals relative to energy management.
 - c. Invite Andre Martecchini to an upcoming meeting to give a presentation on how climate change and raising sea levels may impact Duxbury.
 - d. Sponsor a symposium on energy savings. The discussion included the fact that as a result of electricity rates increasing, there may be more interest in this type of event. It was also mentioned that this might be an activity more in line with the mission of Sustainable Duxbury.
 - e. Perhaps the committee should request some minimal level of annual funding from the town to be able to cover administrative and marketing costs for some of the events and initiatives it pursues in the future.
6. Leslie Lawrence made a motion to create an article for March 2015 Town Meeting that requests up to \$3500 annually for the committee for the purpose of promoting possible educational events for the public that the committee decides to pursue. After discussion, Ms. Lawrence withdrew her motion and it was decided that Jim would contact John Madden to inquire about the process of securing funding from the town. If it required the creation of an article for town meeting, Jim would submit an article with a requested amount to be determined by the committee at some time prior to town meeting.
7. Steve asked the committee members to think about the future of the committee and plan to discuss further at upcoming meetings.
8. Sandy gave the committee and update on the kiosk project for the solar array and the committee discussed the possibility of a formal opening event for the project. Sandy also mentioned the idea of looking into hydro power for the town and that a next step would be to have measurements taken of water current speeds in the bay.
9. The next meeting was scheduled for December 16.
10. Meeting ended at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Goldenberg, 12/11/14