

Swampscott Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 4th, 2012 at 7:00 pm
Swampscott Town Hall, Second Floor Meeting Room

Attending: Neal Duffy, Chair, Wayne Spritz, Vice Chair, Vicky Masone, Pete Kane, Town Energy Manager, Hal Schwartz, Thomas Dreeben, Derek Barnwell, Tara Gallagher, Alex Esteverena

- 1) Update on Awnings by-law and next step – Peter Kane and Hal Schwartz Updated the committee. Pete talked about the bylaw with Peter Spelios of the planning committee. Spelios and Pete Kane recommend we meet with businesses, do some research of what other communities do/have and shoot for the likely special town meeting in November, so articles would have to be in by September.

Hal brought up the idea that this is not our job but the Planning Boards. The committee decided to create a survey for local businesses to gauge support and to give some backbone to our recommendation. We will give the survey to Leslie of the Lynn Chamber of Commerce to contact the businesses.

Pete is recommending the reestablishment of subcommittee – thinks there will be one by June. Hopefully they will act on this quickly.

- 2) Solar event update – Vicky Masone

We are having a ribbon cutting ceremony on 4/25 at 10:00AM at the High School. We are still looking for speakers – Superintendent will talk, rep from Constellation, Principal. We are still looking for a student and a Selectmen, or other politicians. Martha Dansdill maybe?? Environmental Science teacher?

Tara Gallagher suggested that we need the url for the panels on the High School's website. We can put it on our website as well. Pete thinks Constellation is still setting up the url – District IT person is having trouble. Fact sheet goes out next week to homerooms.

- 3) Solarize Mass update – Peter Kane

Alex Esteverena who has volunteered to be our solar coach attended. MA CEC will select communities by Thursday 4/12. They are pushing schedule down a bit because of the delay in the selection.

Tara Gallagher suggested that if we are denied the grant we could still do an event. The committee agrees and decided that if we are not selected we could try to

organize something on our own.

Tara talked about her own experience with Sunlight Solar who held an event at the library and she went to that session and ended up putting panels on her house.

- 4) Pete Kane suggested that we invite department heads to our meetings to make sure they are aware of us as a resource and also to get ideas for future projects.
Ed Cronin, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Librarian, Gino - DPW.
- 5) Next GCA round ideas - none
- 6) Other Business

Wayne Spritz asked where we are on some older issues:

Street Lighting tariff issue.

Pete Kane said that MAPC is trying to do a state wide initiative to do a group purchasing program. It is a DPU issue – we need them to change this.

Micro wind: Can we explore ideas?

Quarry usage – pumped water storage idea. The committee discussed the idea of Milton Fistel approaching the quarry about its shutdown plans as Milton has contacts there.

Next meeting. – Wed, 5/2