

Swampscott Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 31st, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Swampscott Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room

Attending: Neal Duffy, Tom Dreeben, Pete Kane, Wayne Spritz, Hal Schwartz,
Tara Gallagher, Rebecca LeBlanc, Milton Fistel

Non members: Gargi Cooper

Agenda

- 1) 7:00 to 7:10 - Committee approved January and February Meeting Minutes.
- 2) 7:10 to 7:40 – National Grid program update and next steps - The committee discussed the recent news that Next Step Living, our partner in the Mass Save outreach program, has gone out of business. It is now up to the committee to figure out an effective marketing strategy. National Grid will supply any printed materials we need. We can do inserts in our electric bill, they also can provide a sign-up van for events. National Grid can do an email blast. Farmers Market is a good place to have a table when it begins later this spring. Tara is doing an event for Earth Day (May 3rd) at the Unitarian church, and can promote the program. Staples is doing banner specials, the committee discussed the possibility of printing one for tabling events and one for somewhere else. Tara and Tom volunteered to help Pete on marketing the program and prepare materials for Town Meeting.

Neal mentioned the Clarke School Country Fair as a possible event for additional outreach and will talk to the Clarke PTO about the possibility.

Pete – Pete will talk to the Open Space Committee (Mary Webster) about the RECs home energy audit challenge.

Gargi Cooper suggested we contact Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts doing public service projects. Maybe they would like to promote the program as part of such a project? Gargi will talk to Girl Scouts, and Neal can talk to Boy Scout leader.
- 3) 7:40 to 8:10 – Carbon Footprint, emissions reductions goals and presentation to Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting. The committee discussed the data collected by Rebecca, and strategies for the upcoming town meeting. It was decided that the report at the meeting will not include specific reductions goals, but rather an update that we are developing a carbon footprint and why it is important. Neal will likely not be able to present at town meeting and Wayne said he would do it if he is in town. Tara also said she would do it if necessary.
- 4) 8:10 to 8:20 - Harbor Breakwater update – Neal spoke with John McCarthy, an

engineer for Wave Energy, an Irish Wave power company. John is looking at NOAA Buoy data and wants to know if we have specific data for the site of the breakwater. Neal will investigate this matter.

5) 8:20 to 8:30 – Any other business that comes before the committee