Swampscott Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 24th, 2016 at 7:00 pm Swampscott Town Hall, Second Floor Meeting Room

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

- 1) 7:00 to 7:10 Approval of previous meeting minutes approved
- 2) 7:10 to 7:20 Town Meeting Report Tara Gallagher reported that she gave a well received presentation at the annual Town Meeting. In particular, reporting about the Green Communities Grant and the LED streetlight project was helpful when the capital improvements article came up for a vote on the 2nd night. Tara spoke for favorable action on the LED streetlight project and reminded Town Meeting members of the importance of the project as well as its positive payback period.
- 3) 7:20 to 7:30 LED streetlight project next steps The REC was grateful that Town Meeting had voted to approve the capital funds for the LED streetlight conversion project. Pete Kane reports that the town and Siemens are starting to develop the agreement for procurement and installation. The committee discussed different color temperature options for the lights. Wayne Spritz expressed that it would be preferable to maintain a similar color temperature to what we have currently especially in residential neighborhoods.
- 4) 7:30 to 8:10 Swampscott Master Plan Review The committee discussed the Swampscott 2020 Master Plan goals and strategies specific to our group and began the conversation about which should be a priority. The committee hopes to have Michael Scola, the new Facilities Director, attend a meeting soon to provide a better sense of what town staff will be working on and what the committee should be doing in support of, or in addition to these efforts.
- 5) 8:10 to 8:30 Any other business that comes before the committee –

Rebecca LeBlanc is going to work on developing a greenhouse gas reduction pilot program for commercial businesses in town. Her hope is to work with one or two businesses, help them create their greenhouse gas emissions baseline, and help them set targets for reductions.

Submitted by:

Neal Duffy, Chair, Renewable Energy Committee