

Swampscott Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, May 22nd, 2012 at 7:00 pm
Swampscott Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room**

Attending:

Members Present: Wayne Spritz, Hal Schwartz, Thomas Dreeben, Neal Duffy, Victoria Masone

Othes Present: Derek Barnwell, Tara Gallagher, Alex Esteverena

- 1) Solar event recap – Vicky Masone and Pete Kane provided a brief recap and summary of the ribbon cutting event that took place at Swampscott High School on April 26. The event was well attended with almost fifty people attending. Speakers included Vicky Masone, a representative from Constellation Energy, two students, the school principal, and a teacher. Selectman Richard Malagrifa as well as State Senator Thomas McGee also attended the event.
- 2) Solar program strategy –
Tara Gallagher reported on next steps now that we were not accepted into the MA CEC solar program. Tara provided a brief overview of a program run by the Sierra Club but felt the results of this program in other communities was unimpressive and recommended we try a different approach. The strategy would involve a coordinated outreach and education plan which would include informational forums for residents, creating a website with information about solar generally and the process of finding out if your house has solar potential, and creating an interactive GIS map showing the homes in town with solar potential. The map would be created by Steve Young, a professor at Salem State University and a remote sensing specialist who has offered to create such a map with one of his advanced graduate classes. We decided on the domain “bigbluesolar.org/com” as our wiki/website, and are hoping to set a goal of somewhere between 55 and 100 installations. The hope is to roll out this campaign in the Fall with the creation of the GIS site.
- 3) Little League Field lights – We did not really discuss the issue of the Little League field lights at length, only to say that we would like to know if there are any centralized control systems that could be installed in Town Hall. No action items were assigned on this issue.
- 4) Awnings Survey – Hal Schwartz will make changes to the awnings survey that

were recommended by Thomas Dreeben and send the survey to Pete. Pete will put it on survey monkey and send to the Lynn Chamber. A planning board subcommittee will be formed to hopefully address the issue.

- 5) Green Communities Grant ideas – Fire Station. We talked about how the Fire Station insulation project was on the Capital improvements list at Town Meeting. Pete Kane talked to the Fire Chief about the fact that we had this exact project listed as part of the ESCO, and the Chief explained that this work was different than what was listed because he wants to keep space available in the station attic for storage (The ESCO was going to completely fill the attic with insulation). The hope is we can use some of the \$40k set aside by capital improvements to get an estimate for the scope of the work, and then apply for the work through Green Communities.