

Swampscott Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 13th, 2012 at 7:00 pm
Swampscott Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room

Members Attending: Neal Duffy, Thomas Dreeben, Hal Schwartz, Wayne Spritz, Vicky Masone

Non-Members Attending: Pete Kane, Tara Gallagher

Members Absent: Milton Fistel, Derek Barnwell

1. Approval of 1/17/13 and 2/4/13 meeting minutes – Thomas motioned to approve minutes of 1/17 and 2/4 – Minutes approved with corrections made to 2/4
2. Update and review of Solarize Mass application – Swampscott portion of the application is pretty well developed. Most pressing question is the \$2,500 budget and the solar coach. We have 98 people in Swampscott respond to the survey. Eight people said they would be willing to volunteer. Pete met with some of these people, two of them are willing to volunteer but do not want to be the coach. One is a graphic designer and can make marketing materials, the other is new to town and wants to get connected. There was a misunderstanding of the number of hours for the solar coach. The number of hours on the RFP was for the solar team itself. Solar coach and Pete will direct the volunteers. In some communities the solar coach was more active than in others. If we can not find a solar coach we can not apply. Tara said she may volunteer to be the coach if no one else does it. We want to put out a press release to say we are looking specifically for a solar coach, not just volunteers. Wayne will write a press release. Flyer campaign for our search?

Plan B – Tara wants to know what everyone else will do if she is the coach. February. We can have an on-call list.

Tara talked to Martha Dansdill about getting Healthlink involved with Solarize Mass. Martha has to get approval by the board. Martha mentioned that they may want a stipend for support. Salem will not provide a stipend and the committee agreed that we would not want to pay them.

\$2,500 – printing, website, solar events, raffle?, postage.

Salem has a solar coach. He is a solar installer.

Pete needs to know who the solar coach is by Tuesday.

3. Green Communities grant - discussion of ideas – due March 22nd

The only person we heard from was Alice at the Library – HVAC equipment there is 15 years or older. Insulation at the fire station is still on the table. We would be insulating the roof instead of the floor.

Vicky ideas – you are supposed to put in projected savings, FTEs.

Ed has no incentive to save money on energy. Budget wise they have no incentive to save money on energy.

There is one long leg of steam pipes at Clarke. There is also a ton of work at Hadley.

**At next meeting we need to talk about how to incentivize the schools to want to save money. Hal recommends that the school dept. needs to reduce energy use by 10%. We have in the 5 year energy reduction plan that there is a mandate. One way to incentivize the school committee to do this is exposure. Maybe we go to school budget meetings and bring it up.

They are not running the CHP at the High School. Ed does not think it is worth fixing.

Vicky and Pete will put a rough tally of the recommendations and talk to Tom about best way to go from there.

4. Next Step Living Outreach:

As per last meeting, Pete looked into all the affordable housing addresses in Swampscott. Sent the addresses to Ellen at National Grid to find out what category they fall under – low income or C&I?

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- Update on number of assessments achieved
- Strategize email blast and ideas for more outreach in the coming months

Meeting adjourned: 9:10 PM