

Swampscott Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 29th, 2014 at 7:00 pm
Swampscott Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room

Members Attending: Wayne Spritz, Thomas Dreeben, Milton Fistel, Neal Duffy,
Tara Gallagher, Hal Schwartz

Members absent: Christine DePalma

Non-Members Attending: Glenn Kessler, Gargi Cooper

Agenda

- 1) Approval of previous meeting minutes – approved.
- 2) Conservation program with schools. Update by Neal Duffy and Thomas Dreeben.

Initial focus is going to be about gathering data and reading meters at the high school. We are hoping to let Chris Ratley, statistics teacher at the high school, take the lead. Dan, Chris and Tom met and from that meeting they decided Dan was to create a spreadsheet for data entry for students that Chris could use. The hope is this could be a living document that could be passed down from class to class, teacher to teacher. Chris needs to tour the building with Dan to learn where the meters are.

The committee discussed our role in this program. The hope is we can act in an advisory manner to provide the teachers and students our requirements and goals for the program and then they can develop it as they best see fit. Wayne Spritz will write up the committee's wants/needs and after review by Neal and Tom that document will be sent to Chris Ratley, Brandy Wilbur (Swampscott STEM Coordinator) and Bernie Kravitz (SHS Environmental Science teacher). We will invite Chris to our next meeting.

- 3) Street Lights – update by Thomas Dreeben and Daniel Dragani – did not occur.
- 4) Other business that comes before the committee

The committee discussed the status of the potential consolidation of facilities management and maintenance between the schools and the town. Proper maintenance of the high school and all buildings in town could be where we realize the most energy savings as well as avoided costs and since Town Meeting gave the Board of Selectmen and School Committee the power for such a consolidation we have seen little to no action. We decided to draft a letter to

the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee, the Town Administrator, and the Superintendent of Schools to voice our concerns and hopes for such a consolidation as it relates to existing buildings and the proposed new school building.

Meeting adjourned - 8:55 PM