

Meeting Minutes (approved 3/22/2012)
Wayland Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee
January 19, 2012
5:30 p.m.
Senior Center

Members present: Anne Harris, Ellen Tohn, Tom Sciacca, Bill Huss
Members absent: Harvey Michaels
Ex-officio members present: none
Ex-officio members absent: John Moynihan, Fred Turkington
Also present: Harold Meyer, Ameresco

The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes from 11/2/2011.

MAPC Regional ESCO

Harold Meyer, Business Development Manager at Ameresco, and Wayland resident, gave a brief summary of the January 11 (attended by John Moynihan and Anne Harris) meeting describing the regional ESCO. The Committee indicated that we would be interested in proceeding with the investment grade audits and then assessing whether to go forward from there. If the ESCO is not pursued, Wayland would need to pay for the audits at a rate of 4.5 cents/sf. Solar projects on buildings could be part of the ESCO, but it's not clear if landfill projects could be.

The next step would be for Wayland to sign the Investment Grade Audit Agreement. John Moynihan will probably want to arrange a meeting here before doing that. He wants to see the 4.5 cents rate in writing in the contract.

Action steps:

Harold will forward contract documents to John Moynihan
Anne will notify John of Committee's support

Planning Meeting

The Committee discussed the format of the upcoming Feb. 2 Planning Meeting.

Action steps:

Ellen will write up a summary of goals for participants.
Anne will forward summary to participants, along with agenda
Bill and Ellen will meet or talk before meeting to discuss how they will facilitate meeting

Green Communities Grant

Two lighting projects at Middle School and Loker were completed over break.

Action steps:

Anne will write DOER quarterly report and send to JM for approval

Streetlights

Anne has had several conversations with Dave Amann of NSTAR regarding the streetlights in which the following came to light:

- Wayland is the only town in his area, other than Lincoln, that does not own its own lights. Sudbury, Weston, Concord, Acton, Littleton, Natick, etc. own their lights
- If the age of the streetlight stock is over 25 years, they will essentially be depreciated and be worth “almost nothing”, if we were to purchase
- NSTAR can no longer buy incandescent replacement bulbs over 60W, so something must be done once the stockpile is gone

We might want to gather information on purchasing vs. having NSTAR complete the project before going to the Selectmen for confirmation.

Action steps:

Anne will gather more info about purchasing

Anne will meet with Fred to discuss timetable, issues to bring to Selectmen

MAPC Regional Energy Manager

Application was submitted in December to MAPC. Fred, John and Anne participated in a conference call with Erin Brandt on Jan. 10. They were gathering final information from towns before submitting the CIC grant request. Fred indicated concern that the grant was not intended to fund a position, since the funds must be used by Dec. 31, only halfway through a fiscal year. He did confirm we might be interested in a shared manager, perhaps one day a week, but that funding arrangements would be crucial.

LEAP Grant

No word yet on grant.

Solar

Ellen has arranged a meeting with Dan Bennett, Brian Moynihan, Sarki, Tom, Ellen and Anne on 1/23/2012 to complete the internal vetting of possible sites decided upon at our last meeting. Sarki notified John Moynihan and Fred of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

ARH

1/18/2012