

Meeting Minutes
Wayland Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee
April 24, 2013
7:30 p.m.
School Committee Conference Room

Members present: Ellen Tohn, Tom Sciacca, Bill Huss, Anne Harris
Members absent: John Moynihan, Harvey Michaels
Guests: Kaat Vander Straeten of Transition Wayland

Minutes from meeting 3/13/13 approved 4-0

Solarize wrap up/Residential Energy Efficiency Effort

Ellen congratulated Kaat on the success of the Solarize program and asked her to summarize the take-aways that we might apply to a residential efficiency initiative.

Kaat's main points:

- People wanted 7 year paybacks or less
- Trust was an issue; received a lot of questions as to how Astrum was vetted
- People liked doing the short survey indicating interest

The Committee discussed how we might use the Solarize list to send one email asking if interested, but after that generating new list from a survey, our personal contacts, faith and community groups, etc.

Ellen mentioned the need for someone to serve as the efficiency coach to answer questions as Kaat did.

Kaat raised the issue of Next Step Living being both the auditor and the contractor in some cases, and suggested we might consider using two different companies: one to conduct the audit and another to do some of the weatherizing, heat pumps, installations, etc.

Actions:

Anne—Contact other towns that worked with Next Step and invite to a meeting or discuss over phone

Ellen—Will ask Travis Estes whether there might be any price discounts for volume, in the manner of tiered pricing for Solarize

Ellen—Will look at Survey Monkey survey for Solarize and think about questions we might ask for this initiative

Ellen—contact Fred and stress the importance of John's reviewing the MOU; ask for a review within two weeks

Earth Day Plans

Kaat reviewed plans for this Earth Day's Open Houses, as organized by Transition Wayland. The Committee was impressed with the scope of the project and looks forward to visiting some.

Solar

Anne gave a brief update but essentially has not heard anything from Broadway Electric since the meeting on March 14. SunEdison has contacted her several times asking for

more detailed information and is working on a proposal. Nothing from Ameresco that she knows of.

Tom floated the idea of encouraging private solar development by adding a requirement to by-laws to investigate solar; perhaps allowing leeway in some other area if solar is incorporated. Ellen mentioned Boulder Colorado has something called a "Green Sheet" that must be completed for each new building project listing green features to raise the developer/designer's awareness. The Committee will invite Sarki to have a conversation about these issues.

Actions:

Anne—invite Sarki to discuss green initiatives, as above

Streetlights

Waiting to hear back from NSTAR as to pilot locations. Once determined, Kaat offered to help us get the word out through her Transition channels.

ESCO

Now that the DPW building was voted down, we may have a Fall Town Meeting. We could bring the ESCO project to that, or still aim for spring, especially if it would not be debt neutral and would require capital investment. Ellen will contact Bill Steinberg of FinCom to advise us.

Anne spoke to John Moynihan who reports he received the facilities use report a week or so ago, though it has no costs attached to recommendations. He expects to get the final report this month, have it in front of FinCom in May. They may have read and digested it by June.

Actions:

Ellen—Contact Bill Steinberg about Fall or Spring TM; how and when to incorporate results of facilities study

Green Communities

Anne contacted NGRID about a price for the oil to gas conversion at FS #2. This might be cheaper and simpler to go through their municipal program than re-bidding job; bids are from 2009. The DOER GC act guidance (Mass. G.L. c.25A sect. 14) indicates municipalities can contract directly with their utility for projects under \$100,000.

Misc.

Anne will contact Joanne Bissetta to ask about a program for towns to get free or low cost electric cars.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

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