

MINUTES FOR THE ENERGY INITIATIVES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2013

Approved 6/12/13 4-0

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Anne Harris.

Present: Anne Harris, Bill Huss, Tom Sciacca, Harvey Michaels, Ellen Tohn (by phone), and John Moynihan (liaison).

Absent: None

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom to approve the minutes from the 4/24/13 meeting and seconded by Harvey. The vote to approve was unanimous.

ESCO: The Committee discussed whether to recommend that the ESCO initiative be included in the upcoming fall town meeting or waiting until spring as well as the various intermediate targets that needed to be met. The Committee concluded that they would:

- (1) Ask Beth to meet with Anne, Ellen, and John next week to map out a strategy for engaging with Ameresco.
- (2) Request that Ameresco prepare a draft proposal for review by the various town entities not later than September 1, 2013.
- (3) Commit to meeting with the town administrator, new finance director, finance committee, selectmen, school superintendant and school committee over the summer to prime them as to what will be coming from Ameresco and to help prepare for an upcoming Town Meeting.
- (4) Defer a final decision on fall vs. spring Town Meeting

Residential Energy Efficiency Initiative: The Committee agreed to convene a meeting with Transition Wayland to encourage them to lead an effort with Next Step Living. This would eliminate any need for Town resources. The Committee would encourage the Town to endorse the state's MassSave program without endorsing any particular vendor. Anne Harris would take the lead in arranging for the meeting with Transition Wayland. Harvey agreed to talk with the residential

energy efficiency managers at DOER and NStar to gain a better understanding of how other towns have pursued similar initiatives.

Green Communities: According to Fred Turkington, the Green Community signs have been placed at either end of routes 20 and 27 as drivers enter the town. No one on the Committee, however, has been able to verify that this was done. We seem to be experiencing significant savings from the new High School -- enough so that we have easily met our 20% reduction goal required by the Green Communities Act. Anne will bring the actual data to our next meeting. Regarding the oil to gas conversion of Fire Station #2, Anne will contact Frank Duggan of National Grid and ask him to contact John with a price. Money will come at least in part from funds that Wayland has received from the Green Communities Act.

The Wayland Police Department has purchased its first hybrid car. Harvey moved that Tom and Anne write an article for the Town Crier and other publications. Bill seconded the motion and the Committee voted unanimously in favor. Tom then moved that Ellen and Anne write article on energy reductions at the middle school. Harvey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Street Lights: NStar's original plan for new LED street lights included some locations in the historic district. We have submitted a revised recommendation regarding locations to NStar but have heard nothing back. John agreed to check in with Mark at Nstar later this week. The Committee also noted that National Grid, the other major electric utility in the state has already filed for an LED rate. NStar will likely follow suit -- at which point the pilot could become moot. In the meantime, the Committee encouraged John to move ahead with the pilot as quickly as possible.

Other Business: Anne encouraged everyone to complete their conflict of interest forms. She will resend the information to all Committee members.

Adjournment and Next Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 12, 2013.