

MINUTES FOR THE ENERGY INITIATIVES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2013

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

Present: Anne Harris, Bill Huss, and Ellen Tohn

Absent: Tom Sciacca and Harvey Michael

Municipal Solar Projects: Anne reviewed meetings with the Superintendent, Town Administrator, Selectmen, and CADMUS. All seemed to support the concept of a Letter of Intent to further assess the projects and proceed with Broadway Electrical (the vendor selected by MAPC) for the middle school solar LOI. For the Middle School, we will follow up with briefings to the School Committee and to the Finance Committee chair, with the hope of completing the Letter of Intent as soon as possible.

For the Happy Hollow wells project, Ellen and Anne discussed the fact that some of the land is committed to Habitat for Humanity (3 acres) and for a backup water treatment plant (approx. 2 acres). The Committee felt that this would not unduly detract from the value of the land as a solar site. The Committee also discussed the possibility of looking at other vendors -- not just Broadway Electrical. Anne is in contact with Sun Edison (the vendor selected by Power Options). The next step will be to discuss with the Planning Department any zoning changes that may be required and to review the Sun Edison proposal and determine next steps for the LOI.

ESCO: Anne discussed meetings with the School Superintendent, Town Administrator, and Selectmen. Again, there seemed to be no opposition to moving forward -- although many questions regarding how the relationship would work and how best to educate those who would attend the Spring Town Meeting.

Planning Meeting: Anne asked if the Committee should host another planning meeting with energy leaders from around the Town. The conclusion was that a meeting made sense, but that the scope should not be "new ideas" as it was before, but a strategy session for how best to educate and excite the public about

what will be proposed for the ESCO and solar projects at an upcoming Town Meeting.

Residential Energy Efficiency Initiative: The Committee agreed to invite Kaat of Transition Wayland to our next meeting to encourage them to lead an effort with Next Step Living or another vendor of their choice. This would eliminate any need for Town resources.

Green Communities: When the annual report to the Green Communities section of DOER was submitted in December, we were unable to file information on the HERS ratings for homes built under the stretch code because this information is not part of the Town's automated system. The DOER is asking for that information now. The Building Inspector did not have time to look into the files manually. We will talk to DOER to try to find a solution and also work with the Building Inspector to identify a simple way of collecting this information going forward. It was not clear what happens if Wayland is unable to comply with the Green Communities request.

Street Lights: We have agreement with Nstar on the location of 15 street lights for the pilot test. Unfortunately, Nstar has been unable to begin installation due to some unknown approval internal to their organization. Bill will follow up to see if we can break the logjam. Bill also reminded the group that the reason for the pilot was so that Wayland's incandescent lights could be replaced quickly without waiting a year or so for a new rate to be approved. The Committee is concerned that with the slow progress that it could still be a year before even 15 lights can be replaced.

Adjournment and Next Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 21, 2013.