

Meeting Minutes (approved 9/11/13)
Wayland Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee
Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013
7:30 p.m.
Senior Center

Members present: Ellen Tohn, Tom Sciacca, Bill Huss, Anne Harris

Members absent: Harvey Michaels

Ex-officio Member present: John Moynihan

Guests: Dave Watkins, Economic Development Committee
John Harper, Wayland resident

Minutes: from meeting 6/12/13 approved 4-0 and 7/10/13 approved 3-0, 1 abstaining

Municipal Solar PV—Happy Hollow Wells: The Committee shared proposal for solar on Happy Hollow wells site from Broadway Electrical with Dave Watkins of the Economic Development Committee, asking for pertinent input from his Committee.

The Committee's next step will be to check in with other Boards and employees to explain the project, gather information and expose any issues that will need to be considered as we prepare to sign a Letter of Intent with one of the solar contractors. The list includes:

Don Ouellette—ownership of land, proposed road, proposed pump house

Board of Public Works

Conservation Commission

Sarkis Sarkisian

Planning Board

Selectmen

FinCom

Town Counsel—PPA, legal issues of zoning, TM approval, etc.

Finance Director, Brian Keveny

Bill Huss agreed to act as coordinator for the solar PV projects. Our goal will be to bring this project to Town meeting in the spring. Town Meeting approval with 2/3 vote will likely be necessary as the project involves a 20 year lease for the land, but we will need to clarify with Sarki/Planning Board whether and how zoning would need to change.

Actions:

Ellen and Anne—will develop action list for solar projects

Anne—contact SunEdison and say we would hope to have their proposal before our next Committee meeting on Sept. 11.

Bill—will schedule meetings with Committees, meet with John Harper to pin down details, assign attendees to meetings

Municipal Solar PV—Middle School Roof: Getting roof completed before the school year starts is the priority now.

Actions:

Anne—Once roof is completed, contact Jeff Wootan and put him in touch with roof contractor. Insure roof warranty would not be voided.

ESCO: Ellen, John and Anne have briefly reviewed Ameresco's draft IGA. Ameresco included the additional measures John Moynihan suggested at our last meeting with them. Beth Greenblatt's will also review the IGA and compile comments before we meet with Ameresco next week.

The Committee discussed the possibility of pulling out the library gas to oil conversion from the ESCO and using Green Communities grant money to complete it. John Moynihan will contact National Grid and ask for their price for that project, as he is working with them on the Fire Station #2 conversion now.

Actions:

John—ask National Grid for price for library oil to gas conversion

Streetlights: On August 14 Warren Boutin of NSTAR sent John an email stating they expect to receive the new LED fixtures in a week or so, and they would notify us once a construction schedule is set.

Efficiency Initiative: Anne relayed her discussion with Kaat to the Committee and Kaat's hesitation about having recommendations for local contractors on the Transition website, as liability issues have come up for other Transition groups. The Committee feels the recommendation element is not as critical as the goal of implementing efficiency efforts, but one approach would be to use an existing resource like YELP (Kaat suggested Angie's list, but there is a fee for that).

Actions:

Anne—set up meeting with NSL and Kaat to work out details of plan

Anne and Kaat—work out one-page handout for NSL to distribute to residents

DPW Building: John suggests the Committee review the drawings in his office if we are interested in reviewing the efficiency design.

Open Meeting Law Seminar: RSVPs as follows: Tom will attend, Anne, Bill and Ellen will view videotape.

One Page Summary of Committee activities: Anne will complete by Sept. 30.

Next Meeting: Wed. Sept. 11; Energy Committee will present middle school solar PV to Permanent Municipal Building Committee at 7:30, commence meeting afterwards at 8:00.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

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