

Meeting Minutes (*approved 7/9/14*)
Wayland Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee
Thursday, May 8, 2014
7:30 p.m.
School Committee Conference Room

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

Members Absent: none

Ex-officio Member absent: John Moynihan

Also present: Ameresco solar team: Harold Meyer, Jim Walker

Wayland residents: John Harper, Corinne Lenk, Wynn Calder, Jennifer Riley, Carl Clapper, Kurt Tramosch

Minutes from 4/9/14 approved unanimously (5-0)

Municipal Solar Projects

Ameresco presented the revised analysis of various sites in Wayland to be considered for solar(attached).

Jim explained the new SREC 2 guidelines just released. DOER wants to restrict larger solar arrays that are not connected to a load. Middle School roof gets higher factor. (Highest factor is parking lot canopies but we are not considering now.)

Sites presented and issues discussed were:

School sites:

- Middle School roof
- Land over High School wastewater plant leach field—how to protect against foul balls?

Board of Public Works sites:

- Happy Hollow Wells site—explored a larger array; would need to add fill on west side of site and cut trees on east
- Landfill—Ameresco has not yet visited site. Inquiries to DEP do not reveal any reason Wayland cannot develop solar there.
- New DPW building roof—Ameresco not sure why this was not included; will check with Mike Zimmer, engineer.

Once Letter of Intent is signed, Ameresco will need from us (among other things):

- Permitting in town that might affect projects
- Title and deed records for properties
- Any flood information

Kurt Tramosch raised the following questions:

- Only one other town has put solar in a Zone 1 (water protection) area—Grafton, MA. Has Ameresco done any other projects in Zone 1 areas? Answer: No.
- Would there be any circumstances in which pollutants could enter the groundwater? Answer: Ameresco cannot envision.
- What if transformer was hit by lightning? Transformers have chemicals. Answer: Ameresco could locate the transformer off site where line is. Inverters are on site but have no contaminants.

- Inverters can cause noise. Answer: Ameresco has not heard of any ambient noise complaints.
- Are fires an issue? He has heard some companies are doing training. Answer: Ameresco knows of no fires that have happened, but have responded to requests by local fire departments to help them learn about solar systems and how to handle a fire if there were one.

Ellen and Tom will bring Letter of Intent to School Committee on 5/11/14 to seek their approval and signature. Anne and Bill will contact the Board of Public Works to request a meeting time for same purpose.

Energy Improvements Project with Ameresco

Ellen sent the ESCO contract from Ameresco/MAPC to Rob Pratt for review. Ameresco and Wayland's legal counsel have gone back and forth a few times making a few changes.

Ellen asked if we could include something in the contract to have more frequent reporting on savings. She anticipates questions from Selectmen and wants to be able to report results sooner than one year. Quarterly reports for the first one to three years was suggested. The format can be defined in future.

Anne is to pin down baseline discrepancies with Ameresco.

At this point the Ameresco staff left the meeting.

The Energy Committee discussed the contract and agreed that it would be beneficial to have Beth Greenblatt, our technical advisor/owner's agent review the contract, despite the fact that the grant has run out. There should be a few hundred dollars left in both the Green Communities grant and the OATA grant that might fund her review. Beth has developed her own ESCO contract template and can incorporate the two. The Committee voted " To recommend that our Owner's Agent, Beth Greenblatt of Beacon Integrated Solutions, review the Energy Saving and Improvements Project contract, making recommendations to John Moynihan." Voting unanimously in favor of motion, 5-0.

Miscellaneous

No news on Public Buildings Director Search.

NStar Streetlight LED pilot meeting rescheduled to 5/22 at 10 am.

The Committee agreed upon Tuesday, June 10 for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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