

**Meeting Minutes (approved 4/23/15, 3-0)**  
**Wayland Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, January 7, 2015**  
**Small School Conference Room**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Members present:** Tom Sciacca, Anne Harris, Ellen Tohn, Harvey Michaels  
**Members Absent:** Bill Huss  
**Associate members present:** John Harper, Mike Staiti  
**Ex-officio Member present:** Ben Keefe

Approve minutes from 12/17/14, 3-0

### **Municipal Solar Projects**

Principal task is to submit language for the warrant to the BoS by tomorrow.  
Review of meeting with Board of Assessors and discussion: the Town can choose to get any or no amount of property tax from Ameresco, but if we choose a higher tax payment, we would get a lower amount of savings. Sudbury, for instance, chose a \$7000 tax payment (low) and high energy savings; Acton has a \$50,000 payment and lower savings. Discussed how to arrive at proper amount; Committee agrees it should be the way any other property tax valuation is performed.

Motion is made:

that the Energy Committee recommend to the Board of Selectmen that personal property taxes on the proposed solar PV systems be set at a fixed annual amount for the life of the project using conventional Department of Revenue valuation standards.

Approved unanimously 4-0

Currently we buy power from Direct Energy. We are in a contract now (expires June 2016); should just check that PPA with Ameresco would not interfere.

Ben Keefe met with Hal and Mike and discussed specifics of projects. Town Building canopy footings need to be 12' deep. At High School, discussed drainage. Lots of water drainage equipment underground but no as-built for HS parking lot. John Moynihan is working with HS project team to locate that.

Discussed Owner's Agent agreement. Peregrine requests 8 more hours be made available to give a more thorough review. Anne will contact DOER to request moving \$1500 from ESCO review to solar. Contract needs to be signed by Nan or John S.

Committee moves to authorize Anne to contact DOER to request the reallocation of \$1500 from the ESCO OATA grant award to the solar. Approved 4-0.

### **ESCO**

Discussion on whether to reallocate funds designated for Town Building. Ben Keefe met with Hal and Mike Zimmer of Ameresco to discuss. Ben recommends using the funds for EMS and

digital controls replacing pneumatics at the two elementary schools (Claypit and Loker) v. the Town Building. He will summarize his recommendation and send to Nan.

This will need to be summarized in the warrant as a TM vote. Language can be something like: The Town resolves to reallocate the portion of the ESCO funds devoted to energy upgrades at the Town Building to pursue similar energy upgrades at Claypit Hill and Loker Schools. Forward to Cherry and Board of Selectmen.

Ben also shared a chart from MEI he used to illustrate energy savings to Selectmen. He noted water treatment, esp. Baldwin Pond plant, is a huge electricity draw. As ESCO includes only buildings, water treatment energy use will not be affected.

Next meeting February 11.  
Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

ARH 3/30/15