

Meeting Minutes, Wayland Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee
06/18/2015; 7:40 pm
approved 7/8/15, 4-0

Attendees:

Name	Association	Name	Association
Anne Harris	Energy Comm	Corinne Lenk	Energy Comm (Associate)
Harvey Michaels	Energy Comm	Ben Keefe	Wayland Public Buildings Director
Tom Sciacca	Energy Comm	Bill Huss	Energy Comm

Absent members: Ellen Tohn , John Harper, Mike Staiti

Location:

Wayland Town Building, School Committee room

Minutes:

Ben and Town of Wayland have finished negotiations with Ameresco on the PPA with the assistance of Don McCauley, legal advice from Peregrine

Town is required to send PPA to DOER for review

- Sent on 05 June
- DOER has 15 business days to review
- DOER has some feedback for the Town on the content of the PPA which Ben is working to close
- Example #1, DOER feedback that the project has to be 100% bonded; however, Town is not responsible for the construction (Ameresco has that responsibility) so purpose and satisfaction of bond is unclear to Town
- Example #2, RFP does not include anything on Resiliency so DOER is not yet comfortable with using the PPA as the 10% match required from the Town by the grant
- Anne to schedule a follow-up Committee meeting to address risks to PPA contract closure based on DOER negotiations for Thursday, 25 June

Ameresco has started design effort at risk prior to finalization of PPA

- Preconstruction meeting between Ben and Ameresco on 09 Jun.
- Completion of project will be during the school year due to lead times of canopy steel.
- Ameresco can get underground work completed during the summer while waiting on the steel. When steel arrives, final installation of steel to footings would take place relatively quickly with minimal disruption to school parking areas.
- Middle school parking is less of an issue as can use DPW parking lot and no student drivers. High school is higher risk due to large number of cars that park there.
- Possible to execute HS construction in sections, taking over one parking lot section at a time or by working second shift. Neighbors may have noise and/or night lighting concerns during construction.
- School Committee should be involved in the planning of the construction schedule items that take place during the school year.

Harvey emphasizes that SREC allocations for 2015 are being claimed quickly so if solar project is delayed then project may lose ability to secure SRECs. Loss of SRECs would cause project to be terminated as it would no longer be fiscally sound for Town or Ameresco.

Harvey recommends pulling in Peregrine's legal council to use their expertise to push PPA negotiations to a close and remove obstacles that do not have a clear legal standing

Anne to contact DOER concerning street lights and the DOER delays to the PPA negotiations in order to learn more about their concerns driving the delay

LED streetlamp relocation

- Green Community grant paid for certain street lamps that will be impacted by solar canopy installation
- Per the Green Community grant, Town will have to repay the grant for the cost of the lamps that are moved during the solar canopy installation unless Town can relocate the lamps and place them back into service
- Not able to reuse the Green Community lamps under the canopies, too bright for that installation

- Ben has found a place for 4 poles at Loker school parking lot which has been requesting new lights
- Potential opportunities at Library parking lot and other sites around town

ESCO update

- Negotiations in ESCO contract to reallocate Town Building funds to other school projects as voted on at Town Meeting have been completed
- No update to Library main lights due to technical concerns with the existing ballasts, however, existing bulbs are efficient as-is
- Library gas furnace has been changed out, awaiting expansion tank to complete
- New condensing boiler with PVC exhaust pipes installed but piping run near front door, not aesthetically acceptable so Ben looking to reroute piping
- FinCom requesting return of \$78K as new contract is lower in value than anticipated so Ben will complete paperwork for funds transfer in time for end of the fiscal year

Meeting minutes from 5/14/15

- Anne moves minutes be approved
- Unanimous vote in favor of approval (Tom, Anne, Harvey, Bill)

Anne leads discussion on potential next projects for the Committee to take on as the solar project nears execution and completion

- Multiple Committee interests in taking on streetlamp conversion to LEDs
- Committee has made inquiry to Eversource in the past to learn if it would be possible to buy out all the streetlamps currently owned by Eversource in order to replace those streetlamps with LED bulbs resulting a net energy costs savings to the Town as the cost of the buy out is anticipated to be low (perhaps \$1/streetlamps)
- Eversource has been slow to provide requested proposal on lamp buy out cost to Wayland
- Bill reminds Committee that Eversource is only interested in an "all or nothing" replacement meaning that the poles replaced under the pilot would be priced into the proposed buy out
- Eversource has said that as of now, they will not file a rate change for streetlamps that are LED bulb vs traditional fixtures
- Path forward on streetlamps to be continued

Discussion on future role for the Committee and community energy efficiency initiatives

- Tom mentions a personal experience with a community outreach representative from a company that does covers over household gutters as well as solar and/or efficiency upgrades. He thinks that type of work is already being done, and that the Committee's job should be to do that which is NOT being done by others.
- Perhaps a Committee led / negotiated solar package for residences
- Discussion on methods to encourage residents, in general, to seek out energy efficiency measures for their homes
- Harvey mentions upcoming Baker administration energy round table meeting tomorrow which should provide insight into new administration's future initiatives for the Commonwealth. He feels it may include incentives for residential efficiency and we should therefore hold off on a residential efficiency initiative until those policies crystallize.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm