

Meeting Minutes (approved 4-0, 9-18-2015)
Wayland Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee
Wednesday, July 8, 2015
7:30 p.m.
School Committee Room

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

Members Absent: Ellen Tohn

Associate members present: Corinne Lenk, John Harper

Ex-officio Member present: Ben Keefe

Minutes from 6-18-15 approved 4-0.

Anne mentioned Brian Boggia, Director of Wayland Housing Authority would like to attend a future Energy Committee meeting to discuss possibilities for solar on Housing Authority rooftops. We will accommodate him at the next meeting.

Municipal Solar Projects

Ben Keefe reported the DOER sent back the review of the PPA. He has spoken to Ameresco and developed a plan for meeting criteria; then spoke to Eileen McHugh at DOER to see if plan sounds acceptable. DOER listed two non-negotiable items. One refers to Item 8 of her review: if equipment is damaged and Ameresco can't provide electricity, they were to reimburse us the difference, but there was to be a cap. DOER says there can be no cap. The second refers to item 10: if equipment is intentionally destroyed by Wayland, we were to have had to reimburse Ameresco. DOER cites MGL 258 which notes no municipality can be held liable for more than \$100,000.

Both changes favor Wayland. Ben feels he can work to resolve issues and get PPA signed shortly.

Unfortunately the resiliency project at the Middle School must be removed from the PPA as the procurement did not include it. Ameresco has agreed to use inverters that would allow for the project. The DOER might allow project as an addendum to the PPA after it is signed. Alternative is to go out to bid.

Discussion ensued as to whether that would require a Town Meeting vote. MAPC has given us until November 2016. One requirement in addition to the grant is a 10% contribution from Wayland, but up to half of that can be in kind/administrative. Contribution might only need to be \$10,000-\$12,000. Procurement must happen after TM as project must be fully funded.

Corinne will draft a sample warrant article for discussion at next meeting. Warrant opens in late August.

Construction will now happen during school year tho Ameresco hopes to do foundation work over the summer. Ellen will reach out to Lea Anderson for suggestions about how best to schedule meetings with neighbors. Consensus is to meet in advance of work to elicit suggestions and answer questions. Will try to schedule over the summer.

Energy Saving Performance Contract--ESCO

Ben reports most of Phase 1 complete except for control systems at MS and HH. Beginning Phase 2 that was approved at last TM. Before summer is over Ben will report savings/format to Selectmen. Next Meeting Committee can review his preliminary.

Miscellaneous

Next meeting scheduled for August 12.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

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