

Meeting Minutes, Wayland Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee  
 Approved 10/14/2015, 3-0  
 09/8/2015; 7:30 pm

Attendees:

Name	Association	Name	Association
Ellen Tohn	Energy Comm	Tom Sciacca	Energy Comm
Anne Harris	Energy Comm	Harvey Michaels	Energy Comm
John Harper	Energy Comm (A)	Corinne Lenk	Energy Comm (A)
Susan Weinstein	VP of Board of Commissioners	Brian Boggia	Executive Director for Housing Authority
Ben Keefe	Public Buildings Director	Bill Huss	

Absent members: Bill Huss

Location:

Wayland Town Building, small conference room

Minutes:

Meeting called to order

Floor opened for public comment, none presented

Brian Boggia overview on Wayland Housing Authority and solar potential for the sites

- Presented map showing location of housing (Cochituate Village, Bent Park, 25 individual properties)
- Discussion on orientation of property and incident solar
- Discussion on roof age → New roofs on 25 houses, about 4 years old
- Housing authority is already a member of a Power Options who execute projects of this nature
- Individual meters per unit within Cochituate Village which may complicate apportionment of credit or profit to each unit for roof solar although perhaps net metering for the public spaces might be a good option
- Sun Edison may not choose to execute a PPA on these properties due to small total size but another Power Options contractor whose relationship is being finalized with Power Options may agree to the project
- John Harper cautions that solar incentives will be changing both at the state and the federal level so if the Housing Authority is interested, it is advantageous to pursue solar as rapidly as possible before the changes are put in effect

Municipal Solar Projects

- Status update from Ben Keefe
- Ameresco update is that the construction schedule is on track meaning that underground work will be executed in October / November with canopy steel installed during either February break or April break .... No hard date for DPW and TB sites .... Application for Net Metering is in and Nan has signed paperwork .... Town has officially been declared a Municipality .... one more step to go through to get "in line" for solar credits through Commonwealth government
- Brian Monihan has reiterated that there is no regulatory authority as far as geographic restrictions however proposed project is encroaching on Best Management Practice (BMP) for storm water management and Brian requires sign-off approval of any works executed by Ameresco .... initial feedback is that Brian does not anticipate any issues but he must see a plan ... Ameresco is working to get a set of plans to Brian ... If Brian sees any red flags in the plans then he will have to bring the plans to Conservation Committee for review
- Some panels overlap the existing rain gardens, no supports will be located in the rain gardens, due to sloping of the panels and the gap between panels, it is likely the water flowing off the panels will flow into the rain gardens .... Committee recommends that Ben have Ameresco replace plants in affected rain gardens (swap sun plants for shade plants) rather than baseline plan which is for Ameresco to have a list of appropriate plant substitution candidates and only replace existing plants if they die
- Ellen and Ben have contacted the town pool management and who have expressed no exceptions to the proposed construction schedule and are not concerned with disruption to the parking areas

-No response from LED streetlamp contact at Eversource

-Cannot roll proposed STM article into the general budget as discussed during last month's meeting as the budget spans over two fiscal years

-Committee will have to present article at STM

-Ellen participated in BoS public comment meeting and where the public comment was generally favorable

-No significant update on ESCO status

-Ellen moves that the Committee submit the Crier article as written and discussed'

Harvey seconds

Unanimous vote of approval

Ellen moves that meeting minutes from 19 August meeting as amended be approved

5 - vote aye

0 - vote nay

Discussion on STM article

-No requirement to announce in article that the execution will go through a procurement process as the Town does not approve the ability to go through the process or not ... it is law and we must go through the process

-Advice that when presenting, the Committee stress that although the full 10% is required to be appropriated, half of that will be in kind as allowed by the Grant and that the \$29K is likely not to be required in full

Next meeting scheduled for October 14

Meeting adjourned 8:52 pm