

Meeting Minutes (approved 1/10/17)
Wayland Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee
Thursday, 12/1/2016, 7:30 pm
Selectmen's Meeting Room

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

Members absent: Bill Huss

Associate members present: John Harper

Ex-Officio member present: Ben Keefe

Guests: Janot Mendler de Suarez, Kaat VanderStraeten, Transition Wayland members

Strategic Planning

The Committee discussed the results of the Strategic Planning meeting and prioritized suggested initiatives. In the near term we will focus on the following:

- **Community Solar:** John Harper and Mike Staiti are exploring CS possibilities on privately owned parking lots/buildings. Updates will follow.
- **Round 2 of Solarize:** Kaat will reach out to Lincoln, Sudbury coaches to gauge interest. 2017 program is open.
- **Residential efficiency initiative:** we will focus on residential LED lighting upgrades. Tie in with streetlight conversion. Explore ways to represent impact, i.e. "Wayland residents now have 6% LED; what would impact be if 100%". ET will talk to MaryAnn DiNapoli re: adding to Committee website.
- **Green Communities Grant Application:** Likely in March 2017. AH will reach out to Joanne Bissetta to notify and to MAPC for grant preparation help. We will request funding for:
 - **Town Building efficiency/capital improvements.** Ben will review measures for fit, explore if procurement still valid or direct funding not through an ESCO
 - **Electric vehicles and charging stations via state vehicle contract, BK thinks 2 of each stationed at TB**
 - **Possibly XL Hybrid conversion(s) of mini-bus or DPW vehicles.** Ben will review vehicles for appropriate matches

Ideas we decided to wait on:

- **Community electricity aggregation:** group feels this may be a hard sell, would like to explore more, requires Town Meeting vote.
- **Reducing School bus emissions:** TS reports School Committee modified RFP to include energy savings but still received only the one bid with no savings measures. Wayland Schools signed a 3 year contract with First Student. We may try to include a mini-bus (Wayland has 3) in the XL hybrid Green Communities grant request to assess for future possibilities. ET mentioned pilot project for electric buses; we will follow.

ET and TS attended a Green Vehicle Technology workshop and heard from Jillian Wilson-Martin, Natick's Sustainability Coordinator, who had interesting insights on their electric vehicle program as well as community electric aggregation efforts. ET will invite her to our next meeting if she is interested.

Streetlights

BK reports first pass of design due to us next week. Controls will be considered but any LED you buy now will include control retrofit capability, so can be added. Project estimated to start at "ice out" next spring. Town paid first invoice.

Municipal Solar Projects

BK reports Eversource needs to do “witness test” on arrays to verify when grid goes down, arrays disconnect so not feeding into grid during an outage. Once completed, they will be energized. Ameresco confident it will be by Jan. SREC deadline. ET coordinated dedication tomorrow at 3pm.

Resiliency Grant

DOER granted us DL extension on grant money as towns are working their way through this new technology.

META Grant

AH will follow up with Axum Teferra and Kate Ito at MAPC to notify them of our selections for GC grant money and ask for assistance in grant preparation.

MCAN Membership

Janot had raised the idea of making either the Energy Committee or Transition Wayland an affiliate chapter of MCAN—Mass Climate Action Network. The Committee is supportive. Janot and Kaat will take on the role of attending steering committee meetings for now and outreach to other groups in town to connect them all and share ideas and resources. AH will reach out to the group that discussed a Sustainable Sudbury group a few years ago to see if they have interest in this.

The Energy Committee discussed a name change to include climate in our title, as this drives committee actions along with saving money and energy. ET suggests we come to the next meeting with ideas. The Committee could also consider refining their charge.

Miscellaneous

Approved minutes from meetings on: 8/9/16, 9/13/16, 10/18/16

Next meeting set for Tuesday, January 10.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

ARH 12/11/16