

Meeting Minutes (approved 8/9/16)
Wayland Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee
Wednesday, 7/20/2016, 7:30 pm
Selectmen's Meeting Room

Members present: Anne Harris, Bill Huss, Tom Sciacca, Ellen Tohn

Members absent: Harvey Michaels

Associate members present: John Harper

Ex-Officio member present: Ben Keefe

Streetlights

BK reports Tanko has contract and is finalizing it to return to us. Nan Balmer and Mark Lanza have reviewed already so once back she can sign it. One unresolved issue is whether to do a pilot installation. The MAPC contract included it so Ben left the language there in case we should opt to do so, but it may not be necessary as Wayland did its own pilot with the NSTAR LEDs. The cost allotted can be removed if we opt not to do. The Committee requests that BK ask Tanko the following, which may help determine:

- How similar are the lights they will propose to NSTAR installed ones?
- When other towns made their selections, did they generally choose the same product?
- What has been the experience of nearby towns?

Also, the Committee requests Tanko join us by phone at our next or a future meeting. BH will write an article on the streetlights once project begins.

Municipal Solar Projects

BK reports the canopy structures at the HS and MS are up but not all wiring is done. The DPW project is proceeding as well. On August 8 work will be starting at the Town Building parking lot. It will involve driving piles 20-25' to bedrock so will be noisy for a week or so.

ET wrote an article on solar and will include a note about the noise at the TB. The Committee discussed a display monitoring solar activity. BK mentioned there will be one at the MS or HS. The Committee felt something on the town website would be beneficial.

Resiliency Grant

BK and JH spoke to a consultant from a firm working with the DOER on the grant-funded resiliency projects. They are happy to work with us and have an engineer who works on the battery storage piece, though our project will just be battery-ready.

META Grant/Future Project Planning

After the last meeting Anne and Ellen learned of a grant to help Green Community towns with planning. They applied on behalf of Wayland and were granted consulting hours from the MAPC staff to help with:

- Planning for next Green Community Grant submission and
- Annual Report compilation—suggestions for improving process

Anne will check with Patrick Roche as to next steps.

The Committee felt it would be helpful to hold another planning meeting with our outside advisors in town (Phil Giudice, Rob Pratt, Susan Kaplan, Jen and Frank Gorke, as well as Kaat,

Sabine, etc.) and invite the META consultant to be present as well to help us both develop a grant proposal and determine the direction of our next project.

The Committee should be pleased that at the last planning meeting we determined we should focus on municipal solar, an ESCO project and streetlights, and we have now done or are doing all 3, of course with the terrific efforts of Ben Keefe and other town officials.

We discussed holding the planning meeting in September. We will set the agenda at our August Committee meeting. ET will reach out to planning meeting participants; AH will send her emails of those who attended last time.

Energy Saving Performance project (ESCO)

No news.

Review Municipal Water Department Energy Usage

Don Millette got an estimate from one of Eversource's vendors and is exploring upgrading VFDs. AH will follow up with Peregrine about generating customized reports i.e., for the water department about energy use.

Miscellaneous

Meeting minutes from 6/8/16 approved 4-0.

Next meeting proposed for Tuesday, August 9

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

ARH 7/31/16