

**Meeting Minutes (approved 6/13/17 5-0)**  
**Wayland Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 7:30 pm**  
**Planning Dept. Conference Room**

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

**Members absent:** none

**Associate members present:** John Harper

**Ex-Officio member present:** Ben Keefe

**Guests:** Kaat VanderStraeten, Transition Wayland

Dave Ward, Lisa Newton and Jennifer Riley: 350.org Metrowest node

**350.org Checklist**

Dave, Lisa and Jennifer joined us to discuss the checklist their group has developed for towns to use as a guide to direct their energy and climate activities. They are visiting with towns to discuss the checklist and get feedback. They encouraged us to use it to see what other towns are doing, to prompt collaboration and to leverage action. Anne had filled it out on behalf of Wayland and had gotten a score of 71 out of 193, a better than average score among the towns he's recorded so far. Towns leading the way are Marlborough and Acton.

Dave is also a member of Framingham's Sustainability Group. The Committee shared lessons learned to help him with his efforts to direct that group's actions. 350.org focuses primarily on policy and legislative issues.

**Green Communities Grant**

No word yet on the grant.

**Streetlights**

This project is on hold pending the Green Communities grant status.

**Municipal Solar Projects**

Arrays are generating credits though Eversource has not credited to our bill yet.

**DPU Rate Case**

Eversource is requesting a rate increase. In their proposal they also consolidate many rates. We are on the B5 rate for the municipal solar projects, which is one of the rates that could be affected. Many towns have municipal arrays on the B5 rate and hope to prevent the rate restructuring or at least grandfather those projects if there are rate changes or increases. The Department of Public Utilities (DPU) is taking public comment now. Natick's Sustainability Director wrote a letter signed by the Selectmen entreating the DPU to not approve the rate changes. Cambridge and Somerville signed on and she contacted us asking Wayland to do the same. John Harper is working with Nan and our Board to sign that letter. He will also forward the draft letter to 350.org to distribute.

**Resiliency Grant**

Ameresco has received a design from their contractor for the project. John distributed it and our former Energy Committee member Corinne made some valuable comments. Ben will put an RFP on the street in the next week or so.

**Town Building HVAC Design**

Allocation for design was approved; Ben can't use the money until July 1. Anne will forward MAPC information to Ben.

### **MCAN/ICLEI Membership**

Ellen attended the Board of Selectmen meeting on April 18 to discuss membership in MCAN and ICLEI and our Committee name change. The name was approved to be changed to the Energy and Climate Committee; it was decided we would drop "Advisory" as well and be an autonomous committee like most others in town. Ellen also worked with Cherry Karlson, our liaison, to adapt the charge of the Committee to include climate and not just energy considerations. A budget of \$1000 was approved; \$600 for ICLEI membership and \$400 for data collection on greenhouse gas emissions.

A motion was made to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Kaat VanderStraeten be made an associate member of the Committee in recognition of her increasing interaction with the Committee and her extensive time and managerial contributions to the 2017 Energize and Solarize initiatives. The motion passed 5-0.

### **Solarize Program**

Kaat reported the Solarize group finished writing the RFP. She will forward it to Ben this week for his and legal reviews and release soon after. The principal focus is solar PV, but Solar Hot Water for some specific circumstances and Community solar are included as well.

### **Energize Wayland**

Kaat mentions we will wait to launch Energize until the webpage is closer to being done. Kaat and Ellen have some interns working on the data tracking and web piece. The later launch date may mean we will miss the chance to push the MassEnergyAlliance Drive Green initiative, but it may be extended to the end of the year.

### **Miscellaneous**

Approved minutes from 3/14/17 and 4/12/17

### **Peak Shaving and Battery Storage**

Tom wanted to introduce this topic, since as more renewables are added to the grid and grid energy gets cleaner, batteries will be key. He feels we should be doing what we can do to move battery technology along. The Committee discussed ways we might include a battery storage project in town.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

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