Meeting Minutes (approved 2/14/17)
Wayland Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee
Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 7:30 pm
Planning Dept. Conference Room

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

Members absent: None

Associate members present: None Ex-Officio member present: Ben Keefe

Guests: Jillian Wilson-Martin, Sustainability Director, Natick; Katie, Natick Sustainability

Committee member

Janot Mendler de Suarez, Kaat VanderStraeten, Transition Wayland members

Solarize Meeting recap

Group from Lincoln, Sudbury, Wayland met to discuss a Solarize round 2 program. The MA CEC program has room for 6 towns; program opened in October. Group might request delaying start until SREC situation is finalized, but they do want to be in the queue. The group is considering more than just solar. Kaat called it "Energize" and envisions it offering some energy efficiency or renewable option for any resident.

Natick's Sustainability Measures

The Wayland Energy Committee invited Jillian to hear about Natick's experience with electric vehicles and charging stations as well as electricity aggregation. Natick is also forming an Energy Committee and was looking for feedback from Wayland. Natick now has 3 new battery electric vehicles, not replacement vehicles. They purchased Ford Focus electric as they have a Ford fleet. Charging station is Aerovironment level 2 charger, and they have not had problems with it. They did not elect to get networking/energy tracking options to save money. They do charge for the parking, but not the power.

Natick is an ICLEA member and uses that software to track their greenhouse gas emissions (included with \$600 member fee); Natick reports that the software has been very useful. Consultant helped them with benchmarking for muni emissions, which have decreased by 40% as they have invested heavily in solar. The time consuming part for the muni emissions is vehicle miles. Mass Energy Insight data gets you halfway there. They are now starting to work on residential GHG emissions.

Electricity aggregation: they did a municipal aggregation, not green-based but just for cheaper electricity. Unfortunately, the DPU approval process took 2 years and they ended up aggregating when electricity was at its peak and 6 months later the rates decreased. Now they are investigating again but can aggregate in 6 month intervals which will provide protection. They offered a standard rate and an opt in for greener rate—only 19 residents selected. Kaat mentions Sudbury's goal is green electricity that won't cost more than standard. Another option is to find a green supplier with a good rate and do a campaign to sign folks up; doesn't require TM vote.

Streetlights

Mapping is done; Tanko looking at design.

Municipal Solar Projects

Canopies still not on, but we got an extension so will not lose SRECs. Still waiting for witness test and meter change at DPW.

Resiliency Grant

No new information.

Green Communities Grant

Anne/Ben will look at Town Building measures to see which make sense to include in grant. Ben suggests we request 1 or 2 battery electric vehicles, 3 if grant will pay for it, plus 1 or 2 charging stations. All should be located at the Town Building. Tom will look into hybrid conversion technology for our one town-owned school bus as a pilot.

Miscellaneous

Approved minutes from meeting on 12/1/16 (5-0) Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

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