

**Meeting Minutes (approved 3/16/17)
Wayland Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 7:30 pm
Planning Dept. Conference Room**

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

Members absent: Ellen Tohn

Associate members present: John Harper

Ex-Officio member present: Ben Keefe

Guests: Kaat VanderStraeten, Transition Wayland; Susan Ford, Wayland resident

Green Communities Grant

Ben and Anne reviewed the status of the Green Communities Grant Application, due March 3. Axum Teferra of MAPC is assembling the grant for us. Grant items being requested are: 2 battery electric vehicles and 1 plug-in hybrid electric vehicle to replace the 2 Crown Victorias and a Ford Taurus in the motor pool; 2 charging stations; a hybrid conversion of the town-owned school bus; efficiency measures at the Town Building; and assistance with the LED streetlight conversion project. Tom described the hybrid bus conversion as regenerative braking. He will follow up with the DPW to see if any other vehicles would be appropriate for the hybrid conversion technology.

Green Mobility Purchasing Program

Tom attended a webinar on MAPCs proposed group buying program for electric vehicles and charging stations and hybrid electric new and retrofitted vehicles. They are soliciting letters of interest from towns. Ben will submit.

Streetlights

This project is on hold pending notification about the Green Communities grant award and the DOER Rapid LED Conversion grant.

Municipal Solar Projects

The arrays are turned on! Many thanks to Ben, John Harper, Mike Staiti, Ellen, Ameresco and all that contributed to this project. Bill Huss will write an article for the Crier when he gets information from Ben.

Resiliency Grant

Ben received a quote for the engineering to connect the Middle School solar array to the emergency generator. The town would like the design to be battery ready. With the design, the town can issue an RFP to complete the work.

Recap from 2/6 Energize Meeting

Kaat summarized the 2/6 Energize meeting; many potential partners were invited to discuss ways they could help Wayland, Lincoln and Sudbury offer energy efficiency or renewables solutions to residents. See separate 2/6/2017 meeting minutes for more in depth description. Lincoln and Sudbury have already both voted to proceed with an application to the Solarize MA program.

After discussion, the Energy Committee passed the following motion, 4-0:

“The Energy Committee moves to recommend that the Town of Wayland pursue submission of an application to the 2017 Solarize program”.

Bob Morrison of Sudbury will administer the RFP on behalf of the three towns. Kaat will coordinate Wayland's application. A separate group will meet to discuss other Energize initiatives. The Committee discussed the relative benefits of submitting an application to the SolSmart Initiative; it's not clear at this time that the time required to apply would offer real benefits. We can discuss further at another meeting.

Plastic Bag and Styrofoam Bans

Anne received a request from a Wayland resident for the Energy Committee's endorsement of two articles being presented at Town Meeting; one to ban plastic bags from being used at checkout by stores, and another to ban Styrofoam food containers. Kaat and Tom were familiar with the articles as Transition Wayland has been helping the petitioner spread the word about the proposals. For the full text of the proposed bylaws, see the Town Meeting Warrant. After discussion, the Committee passed the following motion:

"The Energy Committee moves to endorse the Plastic Bag Reduction Bylaw and the Polystyrene Food Container Bylaw proposed by Wayland resident Paul Dale in the April 2017 Town Warrant". The motion was seconded and approved 4-0.

Miscellaneous

Approved minutes from meeting on: 1/12/17 (Note: agenda for this meeting incorrectly stated we would be approving minutes for 12/1/16)

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

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