

Meeting Minutes (approved 5/17/17)
Wayland Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee
Wednesday, April 12, 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

Green Communities Grant

No word yet on the grant. The DOER had a few clarifying questions that Ben provided.

Streetlights

This project is on hold pending the Green Communities grant status. If the grant is awarded, Ben expects the project to begin around June.

Municipal Solar Projects

Solar production websites are up and running; Ellen shared the link with the Committee. We will get the links up on the Energy Committee home page and possibly the Town home page. Ameresco will be installing signs at each location indicating production and savings.

Resiliency Grant

Ameresco has contracted the design of the equipment to link the Middle School array to the emergency generator to the Clean Energy Group. They will design for the possibility of a future battery connection.

Town Building HVAC Design

Ben discussed considering air source heat pumps for the Town Building HVAC redesign to allow for better zone control. Harvey urged him to also consider ground source heat pumps, which might cost more upfront but could also offer the most savings. All viable options can be considered. Anne reported on the seminar she attended sponsored by MAPC on clean heating and cooling which covered both types of heat pumps; she will contact them for more information on grants and technical advising and report to Ben.

Solarize Program

Kaat reports Bob Morrison of Sudbury has begun the process of developing the RFP in anticipation of the application being approved. The working group met last night and they are looking for ideas on the financing and structure of the Community Solar piece; John Harper will help draft. Ellen asked for input on the Solar Hot Water piece; the Energy Committee feels it is not cost effective compared to PV and generally only makes sense if replacing oil or electric heated hot water. Eleen will recommend dropping it from the RFP. They decided not to ask for tiered pricing but for a fixed low price. Ellen will review the RFP with Ben before they release. Wayland shares the law firm Kopelman and Page with Sudbury and can split any minimal legal review fees with them.

Energize Wayland

3/28 Energize meeting established working groups for the Home Energy Assessment piece and the landing page design. We also discussed the Sense smart meter technology.

MCAN/ICLEI Membership

Ellen is scheduled to attend the Board of Selectmen meeting on April 18 to discuss membership in MCAN and ICLEI and our Committee name change.

Miscellaneous

Did not approve minutes from 3/16/17 as Anne had not distributed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

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