

Meeting Minutes (*approved 11/14/18, 4-0*)

Energy and Climate Committee

Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 7:30pm

Senior Center

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

Associate members present: John Harper, Kaat Vander Straeten

Ex-Officio member present: Ben Keefe

Call to Order by Chair 7:30 p.m.

Project Updates (BK):

- **Streetlights:** 94% complete as of 10/9. The remaining few are too close to lines, need arm replaced, etc. The Town Administrator requests a summary for the Selectmen; BH will provide. Very few concerns from residents. Tanko will now work with Eversource to insure proper billing.
- **Bus Hybrid Conversion:** ET will work with BK to move project forward.
- **Middle School Resiliency Grant:** Ameresco is nearly done with contract. BK to have site visit with representative and meet with Town Counsel tomorrow to confirm contract details. TA has authority to sign once contract ready.
- **Town Building HVAC Upgrade:** No pricing yet. Design phase should take 2-3 months.

Green Communities Grant: BK met with Guardian Energy and walked through municipal buildings reviewing potential LED lighting upgrades. They would like to help us secure Green Communities grants for upgrades. Committee suggests inviting Guardian to next meeting to discuss. AH will circulate MAPC document from last grant cycle to review other grant possibilities. ET will reach out to Cammy at MAPC to see if Green Communities technical advising would be available to Wayland again (possibly not without TA grant).

Resonant Energy/community solar:

JH continues to participate in MAPC calls exploring a community solar RFP along with Natick and Framingham. An important pending regulatory change may help move community solar forward: the DPU may allow Wayland residents to purchase net metering credits from a large array in Western Mass, as part of the continuing merger of Eversource with its sister company, Western Mass Electric.

Lodestar Energy already is offering this now at a 10% discounted rate. If the DPU does take this action, the Committee could consider educating residents about this opportunity. Similarly, Energize could do outreach through its channels such as faith institutions, etc. JH will monitor to confirm actual DPU regulatory action.

Green Communities Annual Report: BK contacted Julie Secord to request a senior tax write off volunteer to help with the GC annual report. AH is following up.

National Grid Community Energy Initiative: Committee discussed initiative and decided the program in its current form emphasizing mostly MassSave assessments is not what we are looking for. ET will write a short letter asking NGrid to consider something more comprehensive.

Energize: KV reviewed advertising, outreach and plan in place for the Clean Green Transportation and electric vehicle event scheduled for 10/13. 19 ambassadors will be bringing their own cars, as well as 3 dealers and 2 e-bike stores. ET and KV have bought gift cards to give to volunteers. All Committee members will attend.

Council on Aging/Community Center: BK reports this is still on hold; Town does not yet own land.

Town of Wayland Annual Committee Report for Energy and Climate Committee:
Submitted.

Public Comment: Jennifer Riley, Wayland resident, inquired whether Committee could support affordable housing in town along the lines of tiny houses. If the Housing Authority approached the Committee with with a project looking for support we could explore. Jennifer also loves new streetlights that no longer shine in her window.

Miscellaneous:

Next meetings scheduled for 11/14/2018 and 12/12/8

Minutes approved for 6/27/18 and 8/1/18 meetings, 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Minutes taken by AH