

Meeting Minutes (*approved 9/12/18 5-0*)

Energy and Climate Committee

Wednesday, August 1, 2018 7:30pm in the Planning Room

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

Associate members present: John Harper

Ex-Officio member present: Ben Keefe

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

There was no Public Comment.

Project Updates (BK):

- **Streetlights:** Conversion of streetlights to LED ready to start, with completion by mid- to end of summer. Ben to set start date soon.
- **Town Building lighting:** LED lighting upgrade complete. Automatic shutdown having beneficial reminder effect.
- **Bus Hybrid Conversion:** Hybrid conversion of Wayland's one town-owned school bus not started yet. JH reports that Concord received allocation of \$300K in the environmental bond just passed by the Legislature towards purchase of new EV school buses. TS still looking for potential vendors.
- **Middle School Resiliency Grant:** Interconnection application submitted to Eversource. BK & JH to discuss with Ameresco how to encourage Eversource to act on the application.
- **Town Building HVAC Upgrade:** The design of the Town Building heating and cooling system upgrade continues, and heat pumps & other net zero energy features will be considered. BK plans to negotiate the OPM (owner's project manager) contract this week. Six proposals received. Unsolicited informal inquiries already coming in from designers.

Community Center/Council on Aging: no new news.

Letter from Selectmen re: Solar Demand Charges: JH relates the widespread advocacy efforts, including the Town's own letter to Wayland's representatives, were successful. The new energy bill just passed by the MA Legislature will force Eversource to reapply to the MA DPU to impose a solar demand charge. Criteria are weaker than hoped. JH will monitor future Eversource actions and advise if Town needs to weigh in at a future DPU proceeding.

National Grid Community Energy Initiative: ET expressed interest on behalf of town. NGrid program in early days. Cap of up to \$40,000 in grants; NGrid will advise in September how much Wayland might be eligible for.

Energize – ET reports Energize program received another small NEGEF grant. The coordinators will explore ways to use the funds. Energize group is looking for fall campaign ideas.

- Perhaps promote EVs? Perhaps schedule EV days in the Fall.
- Consider other transportation-related initiatives, e.g., encourage more use of school buses by students (instead of parents driving the kids and kids driving themselves).
- Consider publicizing an Uber Pool?
- Consider promoting/facilitating commuter carpools, e.g., to Kendall Green or Natick train stations.
- ET to check with MAPC on whether they have transportation experts.
- Encourage alternatives to lawns; low-water use.

Resonant Energy/community solar - MAPC advises ET that it's interested in a community solar procurement; MAPC will begin designing the multi-town procurement in August.

META Grants – AH not here, so passed over this topic. Interested in concept.

Miscellaneous

Next Meeting scheduled for 9/12/2018

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Minutes taken by JH.