Meeting Minutes (approved 12/3/19 4-0)

Energy and Climate Committee

Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 7:30pm, Conservation

Present:

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

Ex-Officio member: Ben Keefe

Associate members: John Harper, Kaat Vander Straeten

Additional guests: Steven Breit, Resident

Call to Order by Chair 7:35 p.m.

Green Community Choice Aggregation

ET will present CCA plan to BOS at their 11/25 meeting.

- ET will arrange meeting with Lea Anderson and Louise Miller before then
- Amount of municipal staff time needs to be confirmed.

IECC Voting (International Energy Conservation Code)

- The Energy Efficiency Code Coalition along with MAPC, Sierra Club and other organizations have created a voting guide identifying proposals they feel will have the biggest impact on increasing efficiency and avoiding harmful climate impacts.
- AH will send voters links and instructions
- Voting window runs from Nov. 18 to Dec. 5.

Green Communities

- Committee will discuss project ideas for Spring 2020 GC grant at next meeting.
- AH will compile ideas from other towns' Net Zero reports and past planning; members will send to AH
- REPA grant may provide assistance in developing grant supporting materials
- BK: Joanne Bissetta said grant could be used to convert a Dodge Transit to electric vehicle; AH will follow up with Joanne about similar school bus conversion
- AH will contact MAPC re: Eversource contractors compiling GC grants and their experience
- AH is working on 2019 Annual Report

Solar on Wayland Buildings

- BK continuing to investigate solar on additional schools or buildings.
- Town is working with the MSBA to redo the Loker roof and requests the design be at least solar ready.

River's Edge Buildings: Clean Energy Design

- JH followed up re: renewables; they are now considering 400kW solar on roof and will double the number of EV ready parking spaces to 24.
- BH will talk to Eversource contacts to find out if the MakeReady EV program can be applied to new buildings. JH will follow up.
- Brendan Place will follow up on the designers' interpretation of the Stretch Code.

Community Solar Options for Wayland Low-Income residents

Brian Boggia presented solar idea to Housing Authority and they were supportive. He and Jon Abe of Sunwealth will follow up.

Local Community Solar

No new developments

MassEnergize Wayland

Sign-ups for food waste collection with Black Earth compost continue to increase. KVS will work with faith organizations once residential numbers are up. Steve Breit reports HeatSmart program application is too involved to complete before deadline, but he is working with other towns to continue a heat pump initiative. Will meet 11/20 with interested town representatives.

Public Comment

HM and JH have been following legislation at the state level on two issues:

- A carbon tax: House and Senate both working on but don't have agreement on what the tax should look like
- Gas leaks: FUTURE movement which works toward finding alternatives to fossil fuels.
- ET will speak to our Select Board liaison to see if there is a way the town could indicate support e.g. with a letter.

Miscellaneous:

Next meeting scheduled for 12/3/19 Meeting minutes from 9/11/19 and 10/16/19 (with minor change discussed) 4-0 Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Minutes taken by AH