Meeting Minutes (approved 5-30-18) Energy and Climate Committee Wednesday, May 30, 2018 7:30pm Senior Center

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

Associate members present: John Harper, Kaat Vander Straeten

Ex-Officio member present: Ben Keefe Also Present: John Beard, Wayland Resident

From Sustainable Framingham: Aimee Powelka, Larry Stone, Leo Boudreau

Presenting: Isaac Baker, Co-President, Resonant Energy

Call to Order by Chair 7:40 p.m. There was no Public Comment

Project Updates (BK):

- *Streetlights:* Conversion of streetlights to LED will start shortly, with completion by mid- to end of summer. Wayland now officially own the streetlights, having bought them from Eversource for \$1.
- *Town Building lighting:* LED lighting upgrade will be completed by the end of next week.
- **Bus Hybrid Conversion**: The hybrid conversion of Wayland's one town-owned school bus will begin after school is out.
- *Middle School Resiliency Grant*: Delayed by Eversource as they are unsure of how to treat the interconnection. Ben continues to work with them and the state DOER to work through these issues.
- *Town Building HVAC Upgrade:* The design of the Town Building heating and cooling system upgrade continues, and heat pumps will be evaluated.

Resonant Energy:

Isaac Baker of Resonant Energy discussed possibilities to offer solar options to residents who were unable to get solar due to shady home sites, being condo owners, or affordability. Resonant works with these populations to offer Community Solar, but they have not yet partnered with a town without an RFP and bidding process, which Wayland does not have the bandwidth for. Many of our successful projects have been done through group RFPs offered by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. We will approach them and continue conversations with Resonant.

Other Discussion Points:

- Municipal Vulnerability Grant: Wayland received a state, thanks to efforts of the Fire Department.
- Electric Buses: HM mentioned Concord looking into these. He would like to see state assist towns who do not own their buses have access to these.
- Solar Demand Charges: KV will watch webinar to see how we might elicit support of Selectmen in opposing these proposed utility charges for solar owners.
- National Grid Community Efficiency Grant Program: Wayland will consider participation. ET to follow up; determine deadline. HM would like to see more creative approaches than MassSave. Could have access to up to \$40,000 in grants.

Miscellaneous

Next Meeting scheduled for 6/27/2018 Meeting minutes from 3/21/18 and 5/2/18 approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. Minutes taken by AH