

Minutes of SEC Meeting on Friday, August 19, 2011

Present: Robert Cooper, Beth DeSombre, Dick Joyce, Chris Ketchen (Chair), Ellen Korpi, Suzy Littlefield.

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 am at Town Hall.

Citizen Speak – No other attendees.

SEC FY2012 Work Plan – Chris Ketchen reported that he will assign a member of the committee as coordinator of each project on the work plan that will be activated and that person will be responsible for recruiting resources and managing the details of the project.

Outreach – 350.ORG/Moving Planet – Robert Cooper reported on the volunteer work he and Scott Bender are doing for a September 24 event sponsored by 305.ORG that will feature a group bicycle ride to sustainable energy sites in Wellesley. The Action Step that they will be advocating is support of the MLP's Volunteer Renewable Energy Program.

Solar Energy Updates – Dick Joyce reported :

1. New Wellesley High School – Vanguard Energy has been engaged to provide and install the solar panels. They are scheduled to complete the process by the end of 2011 and will be charged a penalty of \$50/day if they are late by more than 30 days.
2. Old Wellesley High School – Based on a cost benefit analysis, it was determined that presently, the best use for the solar panels being removed from the old High School is to install them at the MLP yard and use them as an educational tool.
3. Chase Solar – Conversations continue with local non- profits and certain municipal facilities on the feasibility of subscribing to the Chase Solar project package. The Wellesley Friends Meeting House has determined this would provide them a 2 year pay back and they are continuing to move forward.
4. Wellesley Middle School – Planning for solar panels continue, with a number of approaches still under consideration.

Wellesley Free Library – Power Up Power Down – Chris Ketchen reported that he and Molly Fairchild are coordinating with management of the Wellesley Free Library to use the Power Up Power Down tool to improve their energy efficiency. As a first step, they did a walk through after the normal evening close of the library, to sight check opportunities for further conservation. Once further preparations are complete, a full Power Up Power Down event will be staged that will include library staff and at least some Trustees.

This process will provide a good learning tool when planning for the Wellesley Middle School Power Up Power Down event.

GIS Report – Chris Ketchen presented two slides that demonstrate a new analytical tool that match electric consumption with geographic blocks in Wellesley.

Other Business – Beth DeSombre reported that the first course for the new joint degree (Wellesley College, Babson College and Olin College) in Sustainability will focus on the triangle bordered by Washington Street, Central Street and Weston Road in Wellesley. At the end of the term, the students will provide a public presentation of their findings and recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 am.