

Sustainable Energy Committee Minutes – February 17, 2012

Conference Room G - Town Hall

Committee Members Present:

Christopher Ketchen, Chair
Richard Joyce
Suzy Littlefield
Beth DeSombre
Ellen Korpi
Molly Fairchild, Sustainable Energy Coordinator
Absent: Scott Bender: Robert Cooper

Citizens' Speak: no one spoke

Minutes: February 3, 2012 minutes deferred per request by the Chair

Facilities Maintenance Proposal: The Committee expressed appreciation for Joe McDonough and Joe Murray attending our last meeting to share the proposed changes for Facilities Maintenance and the Energy Manager Position.

Mr. Joyce noted that the MLP, using the enterprise fund, have cut their custodial costs by using outside contracts to provide the maintenance for the unusual systems in the MLP buildings, including the HVACs and thermal storage system and solar panels.

Progress Report for Town Departments on Electric Use

Ms. Fairchild shared the first of what will be monthly Progress Reports on Electric Use to each department and building. The one-page report for each building includes a graph of the monthly electric use (kWh) for the baseline year of FY07, the reference 20% reduction goal from the baseline year, and the FY11, FY12-to-date data. The graphs are also summarized as the percent change from FY07 to the past 12 months. The number of months in the past year that the 20% goal was met or exceeded is noted, and the kWh reduction still needed to meet the 20% reduction goal is described in terms of the annual, monthly, and daily reduction in kWh. The format for the reports were developed with consultation from Joe Murray and Danny Neville of the Facilities Maintenance Department to provide a clear visual message on energy use and quantify the reduction still needed.

Mr. Joyce requested that a summary report of energy use by department, and for the entire municipal sector, also be provided.

Wellesley Renewable Energy Campaign

Mr. Joyce reported that the letter to 700 commercial customers will be going out next week. In the Opinion Dynamics survey of customers a few years ago, 33% of commercial customers said they would pay more for renewable power in the portfolio. He will also offer to meet with them, and consideration is also being given to a 5% option for some of the largest accounts.

Ms. Korpi summarized the progress on materials: the sign-up card has gone to print and includes the 9-month car analogy. Next week bumper magnets and decals will be ordered. The Askers kit is being finalized, including a sample cover letter. Members of the Trails Committee have signed up and also agreed to put the sign-up card in the trail boxes for the month of March. We will need sign-off on all materials by next Wednesday 22nd February.

Mr. Ketchen will send a card and cover letter out through the Town mailboxes to all boards and committees, next week. He will also present to the Board of Selectmen in two weeks.

Mr. Joyce reported that Paul Criswell has been give materials for outreach at St Andrews.

Mr. Joyce reported that The CFL-Thermometers will start with the 606 original participants. Participants, who have signed up during these preliminary planning weeks, will be added to the count for the first week of the campaign. Debra Healey will provide a weekly update on the enrollment and the number will be updated on the thermometers.

Meeting adjourned: 9:00 a.m.

Next SEC Meeting: March 2, 2012