

**SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE**

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Ellen Korpi, Chair
Scott Bender
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Steve Tolley**SEC Meeting Minutes
Friday September 6, 2013
Juliani Room – Town Hall**Board Members Attending:Ellen Korpi, Chair
Scott Bender
Diane Campbell
Ellen Gibbs
Katy Gibson
Laura Olton
Steve TolleyAlso Attending: Tere Ramos (School Committee); Allen Hebert (Facilities); Mason Smith (Advisory)**Citizen's Speak - none****Minutes from 8/2/2013 approved****Questions regarding written update reports**

Discussion held regarding the Green Collaborative's upcoming meeting on 9/18 and thoughts regarding the Collaborative's organization and growth.

POWER TO \$AVE and Solarize Wellesley

Tim D'Souza of Sagewell discussed an approach to introducing a Wellesley Solar Program and combining it with Phase 2 of Power to Save, the Town's push to encourage more residential energy efficiency (EE) audits and retrofits. Sagewell is in negotiations with the WMLP regarding the thermal imaging/EE retrofit program and the new Solar program. The SEC's role would be to help promote the programs. Tim described the state's "Solarize" programs and changes that are anticipated to be made to the state regulations and group buying programs in January 2014. There was discussion that a Solar program in Wellesley should not reinvent the wheel. Tim explained that there are a few proxy towns for Wellesley, and Sagewell has met with a variety of representatives from them (e.g., Concord is at the tail end of their program; Stow is starting theirs).

Sagewell will be evaluating solar vendors based on cost, price, service, and other factors, such as the ability to perform numerous installations in a town at the same time.

SEC Decisions:

1. Are we going to be the campaign partner here? Vote: Yes, all in favor to do Power to Save Part 2 and Solar Wellesley. Our committee would be the marketing partner to the Sagewell/MLP Power to Save program.
2. Do we do Solarize and EE together? Vote: Yes, all initiatives should be run together.
3. What is the timing? Vote: Programs to launch in January. Planning to start next week. It will take at least two months to plan, and we can have a soft launch now.

Next Steps:

Ellen Gibbs will work with Town Officials on the permitting issues associated with solar.

Power to Save, Part 2 and Solar team to meet and start planning.

Further discussion regarding need for a Solar Coach. In other communities there has been a Solar Coach as the contact person for all things solar in the town, which was very helpful with success of the launch. It is a 3 month volunteer position.

Potential SEC Plans for FY14

Ellen Korpi was pleased to spend much of the meeting on Power to Save, Part 2, and Solar Wellesley since these are the SEC's major initiatives for the next 6 months.

Katy Gibson suggested that for next month's agenda, the first item should be to discuss the proposal to expand the mission of the SEC. For example, if there was to be a warrant article, what does it look like? What is "sustainable"? How many town agencies cover this? How does the composition of the SEC change if the mission expands? All agreed.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 am