

**SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE**

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Attendees: Ellen Korpi, Chair

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Steve Tolley

Laura Olton

Guests: Tere Ramos, School Committee; Allen Hebert, Facilities; Susan Fay

Citizen's Speak - none

Minutes from 9/6/2013 – approved

Role of SEC

Committee engaged in discussion regarding the role of the SEC, how it deals with other Town departments and agencies, whether it would be appropriate to seek to expand responsibilities and if so, at what time. Committee first needs to conclude that there is a need for a change (whether to address issues beyond climate change, such as recycling, water, pesticides), which has not yet been agreed upon. All agreed that there is nothing to bring to Special Town Meeting in December and unlikely to seek any change for the Annual Town Meeting.

New Goals to Propose to Town Meeting

Committee engaged in discussion regarding carbon emission reduction targets for 2014-2020. Possible targets are 25% below 2007 (aligns with Massachusetts target); other options include 27.5%, 30%, and 35% below 2007. Extended discussion and informal support regarding setting a stretch target. Discussion ongoing.

Update on Building Champions initiative

Committee is continuing to establish a partnership with the Town employees. On that end, Joe McDonough chaired a meeting with representative from Acton/Boxborough schools (and Dallas Scott, energy advisor to Babson) and members of the SEC and WMLP, where she claims to have saved the town \$220,000 in school energy costs. When looking at schools, there is a behavior component plus facilities management component.

Committee engaged in extensive discussion regarding the Middle School – there is faculty interest, student interest (Green Team already established), plus Facilities interest. There is also an understanding that Superintendent David Lussier is willing to work with the Middle School on this. Discussion from Allen Hebert from Facilities that we should get input from the building manager (Principal), and also perhaps contact teachers via surveys. Critical elements to program are knowledge, information and communication.

POWER TO SAVE 2.0 and POWER TO CHOOSE SUN –

Discussion regarding rolling out the program mid-January, and it is better to phase one program into the other. At this point, our experience is that having a professional (Sagewell) is an amazing resource. Sagewell has already contacted 8-9 vendors. We have been receiving informal coaching from the Solarize program at the state; one of the things we learned there was a streamlined permitting process. Concord is running a successful solar program while Newton and Brookline have been struggling.

Update on Wellesley's Green Collaborative

Meeting held in mid-September. Green Collaborative now has 21 groups including 4-5 houses of faith. At this point, goal is to keep meetings substantive and informal, and gather approximately 2-3x/year. Some groups, including Wellesley Cancer Prevention and Wellesley Green Schools, are coordinating a Townwide anti-idling campaign, and may seek additional support.

Future Meetings

Still plan to meet on the first Friday of the month. Next meetings will be:

Nov 1

Dec 6

January 10 (January moved because of New Years)

Ellen Korpi will be presenting to Board of Selectmen on Monday night and to Advisory on Wednesday night on behalf of the SEC.

Meeting Adjourned 9:10am