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SEC MEETING MINUTES

MLP Board Room

Thursday April 2, 2015

Attendees: Ellen Korpi, Ellen Gibbs, Patti Quigley, Katy Gibson, Laura Olton, Steve Tolley

Guests: Lise Olney, Raina McManus, Pat Willoughby & Matt Delaney, Food manager of Public schools

Citizen's Speak

Minutes – March 2015 Minutes approved

Welcome to Patti Quigley – Ellen Korpi introduced Patti Quigley, member of the School Committee Member and newest member of the SEC

Solar for Non-profits and Community - Laura Olton explained that the Houses of Faith are going to work independently on their solar initiatives as a result of different size facilities, roofs, and capital campaigns but will continue to communicate as a group as to progress.

Solar for Municipal – Ellen Korpi explained our role as the SEC is to shine a spotlight to Town Leaders on sustainable energy opportunities. One of these spotlight opportunities is to continue the conversation with Blue Wave Capital regarding solar on the DPW Garage and a potential solar canopy over the High School parking lot.

Cable box negotiations– Ellen Gibbs explained that a list of efficiency, replacement, and other energy-related questions regarding cable boxes have gone to Comcast as part of their re-licensing process. The Comcast license expires at end of June.

Recycling Working Group Update – Ellen Korpi and Lise Olney discussed the many activities underway by the 3R Working Group. First, Garbology 101, a presentation by the DPW regarding the RDF to anyone in the public, will be held on April 16 from 9-11 at the DPW Training Center. The Working Group has created a questionnaire for restaurants and businesses in Wellesley regarding their trash and recycling efforts. A questionnaire has been given to the 17 private trash haulers as part of their DPH permitting renewals. Sustainable Wellesley, the MLP, and Green Needham will be holding a Sustainable Living Festival at the MLP on May 16. And Lise Olney attended the Mass Recycle Conference, focusing on schools and organic waste.

Presentation on Anaerobic Digestion as a Renewable Energy Source – Ellen Korpi explained that we want to support local development of anaerobic digestion, especially given the new DEP regulations regarding those entities that produce a ton or more of organic waste and must divert it. There are lots of approaches to address the issue. Right now our goal is to learn about the different approaches, talk to stakeholders and vendors, so that if there is an opportunity Wellesley can jump in. A Town-wide plan would help scale, density, and competitiveness. It could potentially improve the economics and increase participation beyond what is mandated by the State.

Transportation Initiative: Bike Committee presenting at Town Hall on April 16 in the evening. SEC members encouraged to attend.

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