

TOWN OF WELLESLEY



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SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE

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JULY SEC MEETING MINUTES

MLP Board Room

July 16, 2015

Attendees:

SEC Members: Ellen Korpi, Ellen Gibbs, Katy Gibson, Laura Olton, Patti Quigley, Pat Willoughby (Wellesley College)

Guests: Gig Babson (Town Gov't Study Committee), Tom Murphy (resident), Quentin Prideaux, Matt Hornung, Raina McManus (NRC), Lise Olney (NRC), Laura Fragasso

Citizens Speak: Tom Murphy of 25 Garden Road expressed concern with the solar program because he has a slate roof.

ICLEI: We need to pay \$800/year for assistance with calculating the Town's carbon footprint.

Motion: to pay membership fee for ICLEI for upcoming Fiscal Year

Motion Approved.

Brainstorming Session on where SEC fits into new Town Government structure:

Gig Babson explained that the Town Government Study Committee (TGSC) was charged to look at Town government, with 3 major goals:

1. Town to undertake a strategic planning process
2. Create the position of Town Manager (centralization of staff in Town)
3. Creation of a Land Use Division

Gig Babson explained that the TGSC rejected the proposal of an Environmental Affairs Division. The TGSC is creating a Land Use Division in Town. Broader purpose of the Land Use Division is for consistency with permitting processes, allows for greater advocacy in land use, thought that it would be a group of functions/depts. and boards.

She explained that she understood the reasoning and rationale of an Environmental Affairs Division, but they didn't want to have another Division reporting to the Town Manager.

Suggested by Patti Quigley: Weave Environmentalism into Job Descriptions. General consensus that we should do this.

Ellen Korpi suggested that there needs to be an integrated voice on staff for all the sustainability issues.