



## SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE

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 Katy Gibson  
 Laura Olton  
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### SEC MINUTES

June 25, 2015, 7:45AM

**Citizen's Speak** - none

**Minutes** – Need to review May minutes (Laura Olton was not at the meeting)

**Status of Cable Box Questions** -- Ellen Gibbs reported that negotiations have been going on with Comcast and she will have more information after Monday.

**Next Steps for Municipal Solar** – Ellen Korpi reported that we still have some factors that we need to understand so this ongoing.

Ellen Korpi also discussed a Proposal by Sagewell for **Solar Email Blast**. Basically, there were a total of 70 solar contracts signed in 2014 with installations completed to date, 12 residential solar installations existed previously, and 2 homes are about to be installed so there will be a total of 84 residential solar installations in Wellseley for a total of 590 kW.

Vote: Consensus to say Yes to Sagewell to do a Solar Email Blast. They can put Wellesley SEC name on it If we agree with the message.

**3R Working Group Update** – Raina McManus, Lise Olney, and Ellen Korpi provided an update.

- **Business Questionnaire** – The group continues to survey businesses in Wellesley Square Merchants Association regarding how they handle trash, private haulers, what they are recycling, whether they'd be interested in an incentive program? They have received a number of responses and awaiting more.
- **Food Waste Management Summit** – The Summit meeting took place this past Monday and was a big success -- attendees included speaker from Mass. DEP, participation from Dedham, Needham, Natick; Whole Foods, WCC, public schools, 2 haulers, Babson College, Wellesley College, and others. MAPC (Mass Area Planning Council) may have resources to help with the issues of food waste.
- **Deer Island** - 9 people went to Winthrop to visit the anaerobic digesters at Deer Island.

**Optimal Place for SEC in the Town Government** -- There was an extensive discussion about the Town Gov't Study Committee and where the SEC will fit in the organizational structure of the town – options include under the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen, or Land use Division. Group discussed that we want to embed environmental/energy sustainability into the strategic vision of the town and as part of the Town Manager's job description. Ellen Gibbs stated that

the Board of Selectman will put job description for Town Manager together. SEC discussed that we'd like sustainability to be part of goals, evaluation, job description.

Ellen Gibbs stated that it is timely for the SEC to prepare a memo for the BOS indicating that SEC wants to see the town value of sustainability in job descriptions.

Adjourn 9:30