



## SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE

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### SEC MEETING MINUTES

#### MLP Board Room

Thursday January 14, 2016

**Attendees:** Ellen Korpi, Scott Bender, Patti Quigley, Laura Olton, Patrick Willoughby

**Guests:** Allen Hebert (FMD), Quentin Prideaux (Sustainable Wellesley), Mason Smith (Advisory)

**Citizen's Speak** - none

#### **Follow up on Report from Energy Manager on anomalies in FY2015 building performance –**

Allen Hebert discussed the FY15 Normalized Energy Use chart and the variances from FY12 and explained the energy conservation measures including controls and recommissioning that have been performed. Overall, for all municipal buildings we see a total reduction of 3% on electricity usage, 12% decrease on natural gas use, with total reductions of 9% in kBtu. The results are adjusted for weather using a regression analysis methodology Allen developed.

Note: on Feb 22 Allen will be presenting this information to the BOS.

**Potential Residential Solar Initiative with Sagewell –** Ellen Korpi explained a new proposal by Sagewell to send out a solicitation regarding their new group discount arrangement with Direct Energy with a competitive fixed price (\$3.60 per watt, 5KW minimum system size), high quality equipment, extended warranties for parts and labor, guaranteed 90-day installation.

Discussion about whether we should do another solar program and Quentin Prideaux explained how Sustainable Wellesley gets lots of questions and wants to provide assistance in promoting solar to town residents.

**MOTION:** allow Sagewell to send solicitation to Wellesley customers in their database (without SEC endorsement); set up an interview with EnergySage to understand their Massachusetts program. MOTION APPROVED with vote of 5-0.

**Update on MLP/Wellesley/Babson solar initiative –** Wellesley College is continuing investigation on solar; Solect gave cost per kw based on size of system; still need to negotiate. Have not seen a ground/roof lease from Solect. Mass Bay Community College also joining a meeting later today with the MLP.

**NRC Request for Support of Plastic Bag Ban –** The NRC is planning to propose a ban on plastic bags in Wellesley. As of now, DPW and Board of Health have endorsed the ban. Wellesley Square Merchants Association will not oppose the ban.

**MOTION:** SEC to support the Plastic Bag Ban in principle. MOTION APPROVED with a vote of 5-0.

**Update on open Town items**

1. New Sustainable Energy position - moving along
2. Comcast Contract – Ellen Gibbs to inform us next meeting.
3. Sustainability Standards for municipal new construction – Ellen Korpi to move along.
4. Gas Leaks – Ellen Gibbs to inform us next meeting
5. Incorporating sustainability into Strategic Plan – Ellen Gibbs to inform us next meeting

**Anaerobic Digester Pilot** – Olin College microbiology professor and class to look at the anaerobic digestion equipment all over the world, create a website, Massachusetts Clean Energy Center will be attending class and incorporate findings.

**Food Waste Management Pilot Project** slowly moving along at Bates.

**Renewable Energy Purchases by MLP** -- Scott Bender suggested a proposal for an Opt-out policy for renewable energy by the MLP, as well as potential for the MLP to buy the SRECs from the solar generation in Town. Scott will work with Katy Gibson on this proposal and will send out information to discuss at February SEC Meeting.

Adjourn at 9:30