



SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE

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SEC Monthly Meeting

Wakelin Room

Wellesley Free Library

530 Washington Street,

Wellesley, MA 02482

January 10, 2020

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 am by Laura Olton. Present were Sustainable Energy Committee (SEC) members: Laura Olton (SEC Chair), Fred Bunger (Vice Chair), Ellen Korpi, Lise Olney, Susan Morris, and Richard Lee. Also present were Marybeth Martello (Sustainable Energy Director), Janet Mosley (SEC Assistant) Deed McCollum (Advisory Committee Liaison). Martha Collins, Pamela Posey, Leanne Cowley, Scott Bender, Rob Lamppa (Wellesley College)

Absent: Cindy Mahr

Citizen Speak

Scott Bender spoke about the Citizen's Petition regarding meeting the town-wide greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal. Scott noted that renewable energy is the only way to achieve the 2020 goal. The Citizen group is developing motions and background materials.

Minutes

Fred Bunger moved to approve the SEC's September 6, December 6 and December 17 meeting minutes. Ellen Korpi seconded the motion *and the Committee voted unanimously to accept the September and December meeting minutes.*

Presentation by Rob Lamppa, Director of Energy, Infrastructure and Chief Sustainability Officer at Wellesley College

Rob Lamppa provided an overview of current and future energy systems at Wellesley College, and the College's greenhouse gas emissions and emission reduction goals. Rob described the College's plans for

switching to low-temperature hot water systems fueled by electricity derived from 4 to 500 geothermal wells on campus. Rob also answered questions from the audience.

Project Updates

- Marybeth Martello attended a workshop on data and analysis related to Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) and discussed the ways in which MVP communities are combining their Climate Action and Resiliency Planning.
- Marybeth provided an update on preparations for the 2020 Green Communities competitive grant round. Field lighting will not be part of the grant application this year.

Process for Formalizing Municipal Sustainable Building Guidelines (MSBG)

The Committee discussed the public hearing for MSBG and the boards and committees who should vote on MSBG.

Feedback on Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Summary of Findings

The Committee discussed the treatment of energy system resilience in the Summary of Findings from the MVP workshops and public forum.

Discussion of Citizen's Petition on the Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Goal

The Committee discussed whether the SEC should take a position on the Citizen's Petition. Lise Olney agreed to check with Town Hall staff about the rules regarding Citizen's Petitions.

SEC Staffing

The Wellesley Municipal Light Plant (WMLP) will fund an additional 9 hours/week for the SEC Assistant until July 1 when the Assistant title becomes Analyst and when the SEC will fund the Analyst at 19 hours/week.

Laura Olton discussed the SEC's long-standing efforts to expand the Sustainable Energy Administrator's role. Fred Bunger made a motion *and the Committee voted unanimously to approve an increase in the Sustainable Energy Director's work week from 25 to 30 hours*. The Board of Selectmen's Office will seek Annual Town Meeting approval to cover this increase until June 30. Beginning on July 1, the SEC's budget will compensate the Director for 30 hours/week.

Sue Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 am, seconded by Fred Bunger, *and the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn*.

Exhibits Used

Minutes for September 6, December 6 and 17
Project Updates
Rob Lamppa's PowerPoint slides
MVP Summary of Findings Report