



## SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE

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### Monthly Meeting

Kingsley Board Room

4 Municipal Way

Wellesley, MA 02481

January 30, 2019

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 am by Laura Olton. Present were Sustainable Energy Committee (SEC) members: Laura Olton (SEC Chair), Ellen Korpi (SEC Vice Chair), Fred Bungler, Tom Ulfelder, Katy Gibson, Michael D'Ortenzio, Jr., and Rob Lamma. Also present were: Marybeth Martello (SEC Administrator), Janet Mosley (SEC Assistant), Leanne Cowley, Mary Gard, and Lise Olney.

**Citizen Speak** – None

**Minutes** – The Sustainable Energy Committee (SEC) *voted unanimously to accept the January 4, 2019 minutes.*

### **Project Updates**

Katy Gibson provided a summary of the Municipal Light Board meeting on January 29. The Wellesley Municipal Light Plant (WMLP) will retire all renewable energy credits. Five megawatts of offshore wind should come into production by 2024. WMLP received the Phase II report on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions from the Analysis Group. Katy highly recommends reading this document, which is posted on the WMLP website. WMLP would like to conduct energy audits at Wellesley's subsidized housing complex. Laura Olton, Marybeth Martello and Katy Gibson met with Dick Joyce (WMLP Director), WMLP staff and a representative from Sagewell to discuss a program to reduce peak-time electricity use for electric vehicles. Dick Joyce is retiring as WMLP Director and a search committee is convened.

Katy Gibson is resigning from the Sustainable Energy Committee. The Committee thanked Katy for the insight, wisdom, and leadership that she has so generously shared and that have been central to the Committee's development since its very beginning. Laura Olton presented Katy with a card and gift from the Committee.

### **Emissions Factor**

Janet Mosley presented analysis of the Emissions and Generation Resource Database (eGRID), ISO-New England (ISO-NE) and WMLP-specific electricity emissions factors. The SEC deliberated and decided to adopt the ISO-NE factor in its GHG inventory calculations and to table a decision about use of a WMLP-specific factor until a later date.

### **Transportation Emissions**

Leanne Cowley presented updates to the transportation data used in calculating transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions.

### **Solar Program**

The Department of Energy Resources is launching a solar rebate program for Municipal Light Plant towns. The SEC will work with the WMLP, Stephanie Hawkinson (Communications and Project Manager), and Sustainable Wellesley to help market the program. Energy Sage and Anne Turtle could be good resources for this project.

### **Sustainable Building Guidelines**

Fred Bunger summarized the latest updates to the Draft Sustainable Building Guidelines. He discussed "guidelines" versus "standards," energy use intensity goals, a peer reviewer rather than a Sustainability Technical Group, and the use of eco-charrettes for very large projects only. The Committee voiced a preference for a small Sustainable Building Guideline Working Group consisting of Fred, Marybeth Martello and Steve Gagosian (from the Facilities Management Department).

### **GHG Emissions Reduction Plan**

Ellen Korpi shared a GHG Emissions Reduction Plan Outline and discussed ongoing work and new opportunities in the areas of electricity, transportation, buildings, and materials management emissions reductions. The Committee also discussed GHG emissions in relation to gas leaks, tree canopy, sidewalks and Complete Street grants, and improvements in data and methodologies

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

### **Exhibits Used**

- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan Outline