



SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE

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SEC Monthly Meeting

Wakelin Room

Wellesley Free Library

530 Washington Street

Wellesley, MA 02482

March 6, 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 Bungler (SEC Vice Chair), Lise Olney, Cindy Mahr, Richard Lee and Susan Morris. Also present were Marybeth Martello (Sustainable Energy Director), Janet Mosley (SEC Assistant), Deed McCollum (Advisory Committee Liaison), Pamela Posey and Martha Collins

Absent: Ellen Korpi

Citizen Speak - None

Minutes

Fred Bungler moved to approve the SEC's February 14 meeting minutes. Lise Olney seconded the motion *and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the February 14 meeting minutes.*

Project Updates

Richard Lee reported that the SEC's Transportation Working Group met four to five times to discuss educational events, public outreach, grants and other opportunities for reducing transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions in Wellesley. The town-wide Mobility Working Group is finalizing a request for proposals for a consultant to analyze and identify opportunities

for improving mobility in Wellesley. Pending approval from 2020 Annual Town Meeting, there is \$55,000 available for the consultant.

Sustainable Buildings

Municipal Sustainable Building Guidelines

Marybeth Martello sent memos to Board of Selectmen (BOS), School Committee, Municipal Light Board (MLB), Board of Public Works (BPW), Library Trustees, Recreation Commission and Natural Resources Commission (NRC) requesting that these boards vote on and sign the Guidelines. The status of approvals appears below:

- NRC approved (Fred Bungler and Marybeth attended meeting)
- BPW approved (Fred attended meeting)
- Recreation Commission will vote on March 9
- Library Trustees discuss on March 9
- School Committee will vote on March 10
- MLB – March meeting not yet set
- BOS will vote after all other boards have voted

Advancing Electrification

Fred Bungler and Lise Olney met with Regina LaRocque (NRC) and Wellesley resident Ellen Watts last week. Ellen is an architect specializing in high performance design and was a key consultant to the citizens group in Brookline who recently won Town Meeting approval for a bylaw restricting new gas hook-ups. Development of this type of bylaw for Wellesley could be part of a Climate Action Plan. Lise suggested inviting Regina and Ellen to an upcoming SEC meeting to discuss this topic and to consider the potential for a Green Collaborative meeting in September focused on the topic of transitioning to clean heating sources.

Bylaw Barriers

Marybeth and Fred Bungler met with the Planning Department to discuss yard setback regulations that hinder residential energy improvements.

Police Department Energy Audit

Next week Marybeth, Fred and Janet Mosley will meet with Allen Hebert from the Facilities Management Department to discuss the Police Department energy audit planned for Fiscal Year 2021.

SEC Report to Annual Town Meeting

Marybeth summarized the SEC's report to Annual Town Meeting.

Question 1, Non-binding Referendum on Six Versus Seven Schools

The Committee discussed sustainability implications for Question 1 and decided that an SEC statement on this non-binding referendum would be appropriate.

Fred Bunger made a motion to authorize Laura Olton and Marybeth Martello to formulate an SEC statement on Question 1, the non-binding referendum on six versus seven elementary schools. Sue Morris seconded and *the Committee voted unanimously to authorize Laura Olton and Marybeth Martello to formulate an SEC statement on Question 1, the non-binding referendum on six versus seven schools.*

Citizens Petition

Laura, Ellen Korpi and Paul Criswell attended the Advisory Committee's discussion of the Voluntary Renewable Energy Program (VREP) Citizen's Petition. Advisory approve the Petition.

WasteWise Wellesley

Sue Morris provided an update on the 3R Working group, a Recycling and Disposal Facility marketing campaign, the Green Collaborative and food waste diversion efforts at the Middle School and High School. Richard Lee offered to share a spreadsheet of publicity contacts to help with outreach.

Climate Action Plan

The Committee discussed next steps on the Climate Action Plan and decided that a meeting with Lise Olney, Marybeth Martello, Brandon Schmitt and Meghan Jop should take place soon.

Sue Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 am, seconded by Fred Bunger, *and the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn.*

Exhibits Used

Minutes for February 14 SEC meeting
Project Updates