



SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE

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Monthly Meeting

Kingsley Board Room

4 Municipal Way

Wellesley, MA 02481

May 3, 2019

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:36 am by Laura Olton. Present were Sustainable Energy Committee (SEC) members: Laura Olton (SEC Chair), Tom Ulfelder, Fred Bungler and Michael D'Ortenzio, Jr. Also present were: Marybeth Martello (SEC Administrator), Janet Mosley (SEC Assistant), Leanne Cowley, Ellen Korpi, Dan Vogel, Sue Morris, Scott Bender, Andrea Ward, Richard Lee, Cindy Mahr, and Scott Bender.

Citizen Speak – None

Project Updates

Ellen Korpi and Ellen Gibbs are developing a survey to examine the potential use of the Number 1 bus in Wellesley. The Number 1 bus would stop along Route 9.

Meeting Dates

The Sustainable Energy Committee (SEC) will meet on:

- Friday May 24, 8:30-10am, Wellesley Municipal Light Plant
- Thursday, June 20, 8:30-noon, Wellesley Free Library

Hunnewell School Feasibility Study

Fred Bungler provided an update on the Hunnewell School Feasibility Study. The Committee discussed writing a memo commending the School Building Committee for integrating our requests regarding sustainability into the Feasibility Study process.

Sustainable Buildings

The SEC discussed recommending that the Advisory Board examine energy use and include energy use as a shadow expense in Town department budgets.

Electric Vehicles

The Committee discussed electric vehicle (EV) charging stations as useful public relations vehicles. Charging stations give EV owners priority parking spaces. However, most EV owners charge at home overnight.

It is important the Town recover 100% of the cost of electricity supplied at any publicly-owned EV charging station.

The Transportation Working Group has a new sub-working group who will be brainstorming about programs and opportunities related to electric vehicles. With information provided by Town Hall, the EV Working Group identified EV owners in Wellesley. Approximately 60 of the EVs identified are owned by leasing companies. Michael D'Ortenzio, Jr. suggested that residential registrations at the Town's Recycling and Disposal Facility could provide more information related to EVs in town.

Laura made a motion seconded by Michael, *and the Committee voted unanimously to partner with the Wellesley Municipal Light Plant on a Bring Your Own Charger (BYOC) program to encourage electric vehicle owners to charge their vehicles during off-peak hours and receive an \$8 credit/month on their electricity bill.*

Climate Action Plan

Marybeth Martello provided an update on recent discussions regarding a Wellesley Climate Action Plan (CAP). The Committee discussed leading this effort while also bringing relevant departments and community members into the discussion when their particular expertise and perspectives are relevant.

The Committee agreed to further discuss the CAP at its retreat and to develop a written document on which others can provide feedback.

Renewable Energy Credits

The Committee discussed the use of renewable energy credits as a tool to meet the Town's greenhouse gas emission goal.

Laura made a motion to adjourn at 10:57am, seconded by Tom, *and the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn.*