



## SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE

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### SEC Retreat

Arnold Room

Wellesley Free Library

530 Washington Street

Wellesley, MA 02482

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### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 am by Laura Olton. Present were Sustainable Energy Committee (SEC) members: Laura Olton (SEC Chair), Tom Ulfelder, Cindy Mahr, Ellen Korpi, Fred Bungler, Susan Morris and Richard Lee. Also present were Marybeth Martello (SEC Administrator), Michael D'Ortenzio, Jr., Pamela Posey, Janet Mosley (SEC Assistant), Andrea Ward and Lise Olney.

### Project Updates

Marybeth Martello and Janet Mosley met with Brandon Schmitt to discuss Wellesley's recent grant from the Municipal Vulnerability and Preparedness (MVP) Program. Brandon welcomed discussions with SEC staff and invited SEC input during the MVP consultant selection process.

Marybeth met with the Wellesley Municipal Light Plant (WMLP) about seeking Green Communities funding for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. For next steps Marybeth will connect with Meghan Jop and talk with other municipalities and with Steve Gusmini of Babson College about their experience with EV charging stations. Marybeth will draft a presentation for the Town's Traffic and Parking Group to propose that the Town seek Green Communities funding for two EV charging stations.

The Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA's) Designer Selection Panel selected SMMA to carry out the Feasibility Study for the Hardy/Upham Project.

Ellen Korpi suggested that Wellesley representatives meet with Alice Peisch to discuss how Wellesley's experience with recent school building projects could inform the MSBA's approach to sustainable schools.

## **Introductions**

Each retreat participant shared a bit about their background and what led them to become a member or work with the SEC.

## **Norms**

Norms that the SEC follows include:

- Meetings start on time
- Meeting materials reach SEC members promptly
- Members come prepared for meetings
- One person speaks at a time in meetings
- An SEC member writes the minutes

## **Goals**

- 1) Climate Action Plan
- 2) Sustainable Building Guidelines
- 3) 3R programs
- 4) Continue working with the WMLP on initiatives
- 5) Green Communities projects and reporting
- 6) Municipal solar opportunities
- 7) Municipal micro-grids and storage opportunities
- 8) Transportation
- 9) Public outreach/communication to community
- 10) ATM report/ greenhouse (GHG) inventory
- 11) Outreach to commercial and educational sectors
- 12) Improvements in energy use and efficiency in buildings across town, including working with residents, home sellers and buyers. Electrification of buildings.
- 13) Gas leak repairs through multi-town and state efforts and gas leak inclusion in the GHG inventory.
- 14) Smart growth – future of housing in Wellesley
- 15) Collaborations with the Planning Department

## **Priorities**

### ***Transportation***

- 1) School transportation survey/study and explore opportunities
- 2) Support efforts to form Town-wide Mobility Committee
- 3) Improve data and methodologies for estimating transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions
- 4) Promote EV (municipal fleet and public). Beneficial electrification of transportation including EV incentives and charging stations

### ***Buildings***

- 1) Sustainable Building Guidelines
- 2) Residential energy use reduction programs
- 3) Gather and share energy use data in ways that establish lines of accountability and feedback loops.

### **Energy**

- 1) Municipal solar opportunities
- 2) Gas leak remediation and inclusion of gas leak emissions on the Town's greenhouse gas inventory
- 3) Municipal micro-grid, energy storage. (Micro-grids are most financially viable in mixed use contexts so that demand varies.)
- 4) Prepare new goal/report for Annual Town Meeting 2020. Map a strategy.
- 5) Create feedback loops and lines of accountability with regard to department users. Some towns give payback to schools/departments that save energy. Marybeth will get Cindy Mahr access to MassEnergyInsight.

### **Sustainable Materials Management**

- 1) 3R Programming development

### **Climate Action Plan**

#### **Green Communities/Pipeline and Project Planning**

- 1) Energy monitoring
- 2) General project support
- 3) EV charging stations

### **Other**

- 1) Communication to community
- 2) Engage with Planning

### **Near-term tasks**

- 1) Marybeth will connect with Meghan Jop, DPW and Police, Steve Gusmini and with other municipalities about EV charging stations.
- 2) Marybeth will send Proponent User Manual to the SEC.
- 3) Marybeth will reach out to Suzy Littlefield on Permanent Public Committee regarding Sustainable Building Guidelines.
- 4) Marybeth will see that Cindy Mahr gains access to MEI.

Ellen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:07pm, seconded by Fred Bunger, *and the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn.*