



## SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE

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### SEC Project Updates

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#### WasteWise: Food Rescue and Food Waste Management

On April 5, Ellen, Marybeth, Regina LaRoque, and Alison Cross (MPH and MS in Nutrition) will meet with Health Department staff and some BOH members to discuss the 3R Working Group's food rescue and food waste management goals, as well as preliminary standard operating procedures for the initial programs we hope to implement. Ellen and Marybeth discussed these initiatives with Blythe Robinson, Marjorie Freiman, and Ellen Gibbs, and all were very supportive. The next step will be a larger meeting with a wide range of stakeholders.

Marybeth was one of three presenters in a national EPA webinar on March 30. She presented on the Bates cafeteria waste assessment and cafeteria waste management program.

#### Hardy, Hunnewell, Upham

The SEC has been asked to work with the School Committee to plan an environmental analysis of HHU options under consideration. The School Committee is discussing the details and will get back to us.

#### Sustainable Building Guidelines

The SEC is working with the PBC to find a time for the tour of WHS' sustainable features.

#### Building Codes

In general, the International Code Council voters rejected the many proposals that would have weakened energy efficiency requirements. However, ICC voters accepted only a few improvements to efficiency requirements. The most notable improvements include a more stringent requirement for the thermal envelope, when builders use renewable energy to score points on the energy rating index, and a more stringent requirement for energy efficient windows. The ICC voters did not accept a steady 5% increase in efficiency every code cycle. The Wellesley group had supported this increase.

### **900 Worcester**

Marybeth met with Michael Zehner to discuss the 900 Worcester permitting process. Marybeth will summarize their discussion during the SEC meeting.

### **Green Communities**

Marybeth and Michael met with FMD and DPW to discuss the Energy Reduction Plan (ERP) for Green Communities. Michael met with MLP to discuss the ERP. All three departments are confident that they have the expertise and information necessary to assess past and future energy conservation measures.

In preparation for development of the vehicle purchase policy, Matthew has requested all needed information from the appropriate personnel at WPS, COA, FMD, WFD, WPD, and DPW. WPS has provided data, and the other departments are in the process of gathering the data.

### **Power to Choose**

At least thirty-two students entered the Sustainability Challenge. Winning students will receive awards at Expo on Saturday, April 8. The welcome and award ceremonies for the Challenge will include discussion of Power To Choose (PTC). PTC sign-ups will be available from clip board holders wandering the exhibit floor and at a number of Expo exhibits that feature renewable energy. Hosts of these exhibits are primarily WHS Evolutions Program students.