

SEC Updates

September 5, 2016

for

SEC Meeting on September 8, 2016

Unified Plan (Katy is our representative)

- Steering Committee held its first meeting and appointed 18 resident representatives to the Committee.

Green Communities (Laura, Michael, Marybeth)

- Awaiting feedback from Mike Pakstis and Bill Shaughnessy on letter regarding zoning change required for Green Communities designation. Once final, the SEC will send this letter to BOS, BPW, and NRC.

Building Code Advocacy (Katy)

- Marybeth is part of Town of Wellesley Building Department Membership as a voter.

ICLEI (Marybeth and Katy)

- Marybeth met with Suzanne and Trevor at MLP and is assisting MLP in collecting Wellesley energy use data
- Katy has informed Marybeth about ongoing questions regarding input data and assumptions in the model.
- Marybeth will work with Suzanne and Trevor this fall on model inputs and GHG emissions calculations.

Power to Choose (Ellen)

- The next step is to plan the initial roll out.

WasteWise (Ellen and Marybeth)

- Bates is awaiting final approval from the Health Department and DPW. In the meantime, the pilot project for introducing drain/drop(recycle) into the Bates cafeteria is ready to commence this September. Principal Toni Jolley has embraced this effort and the student learning opportunities it presents. Toni is recruiting a 5th grade "Recycling Leadership Team" to help to design the new recycling area, create signage, and educate fellow students about the new cafeteria logistics and about sustainable waste management, generally. The Team will host an all-school assembly in late September. Fifth grade teacher, Molly Perkins, will advise the Team. The Bates

Committee is working with Toni and the PTO, to communicate with the Bates community, recruit parent volunteers, and coordinate with Wellesley Town departments.

- Ellen and Marybeth will meet with Jeff Azano-Brown to discuss the plan for WasteWise and to develop a presentation to share at the Wellesley Friendly Aid Society networking forum on September 20.

Gas Leaks Forum (Ellen)

- Sustainable Wellesley will create a forum event to raise the profile of gas leaks in Wellesley and strengthen political will to address them. Ideally, NRC, SEC, and BOS will co-sponsor the forum with Sustainable Wellesley.

Non-Profit Solar (Laura)

- Temple Beth Elohim has signed a solar agreement with Solect.

Wellesley High School Evolutions Student Project (Marybeth)

- Marybeth met with Stephanie Hawkinson, Phyllis Theermann and Thomas Henes (WHS Evolutions Program teacher) to discuss partnerships linking Evolutions students with sustainability initiatives across Town. Marybeth will propose to this group that students assist the SEC in researching solar canopies and composting. If the proposal is accepted, students will interview Town staff to learn about concerns and questions they have regarding solar and composting projects. The students will also explore relevant solar programs in neighboring Towns and composting initiatives at nearby schools to learn from their experiences.

Green Collaborative Planning and Communication (Ellen and Marybeth)

- The SEC will present on WasteWise at an upcoming Wellesley Friendly Aid Society networking forum on September 20.