

## **Swampscott Energy Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, January 24th, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
Swampscott Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room

**Members Attending:** Neal Duffy, Wayne Spritz, Tara Gallagher, Hal Schwartz,  
Thomas Dreeben

**Non-Members attending:** Pete Kane (via phone)

### **Agenda**

1) 7:00 to 7:10 – Approval of previous meeting minutes – approved

2) 7:10 to 7:40 – KLA Sustainability Dashboard presentation and discussion:

Kim Lundgren Associates, a sustainability consulting firm, contacted Pete Kane regarding an online sustainability platform that they have developed called the KLA sustainability dashboard. The dashboard is a tool to track progress on sustainability goals and measures, such as energy and emissions reductions, or air and water quality. Pete did a demonstration session with the tool, and thought it was nice and presented things in a useful way. It is not automated in any way, so it requires someone to input/upload information, but it does automatically do comparisons to other cities. Pete thought it had potential to engage citizens in a new and interesting way. The cost of the tool would be \$4,000/yr. The committee decided it was not worth pursuing because of the cost and administrative upkeep required. We did decide to review our committee website as well as the [bigblueenergy.org](http://bigblueenergy.org) site to look for potential improvements or updates that could be made to them. Committee members will spend some time on those sites and bring feedback to one of our upcoming meetings.

3) 7:40 to 8:00 – Residential NetZero program & emissions reductions goals –

We did not discuss this program because Dana Anderson, a local architect and resident involved in it, was not able to attend the meeting.

4) 8:00 to 8:15 – Discussion of Green Communities Competitive Grant projects –

The committee discussed potential ideas for the upcoming Green Communities competitive grant application which is due on 3/3/17. Michael Scola had proposed LED lighting upgrade projects at our November meeting, but committee members were interested in exploring other ideas. Ideas that were mentioned in this discussion were: EMS systems – can we ask Mike if all buildings are integrated; electric vehicle charging stations; steam traps for Hadley. The committee also discussed whether we should apply for some of the grant to be used for administrative costs of the project. This conversation will continue and

the committee hopes to come to a decision within the next month.

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5) 8:15 to 8:30 – LED Streetlights - This was not discussed at the meeting.

6) 8:30 to 9:00 - Any other business that comes before the committee

The National Grid community outreach program that we participated in has come to a conclusion and Swampscott is likely to receive approximately \$14,000. Pete Kane informed the committee that we (the town) need to tell National Grid what we may use the funds for. After discussing many ideas, the committee decided that the money could be used for an energy conservation project with Swampscott High School students.

Submitted by:

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