

Swampscott Energy Committee

APPROVED Minutes

Tuesday October 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Attendees: John Graff, David Zalanowski, Tara Gallagher, Ryan Hale, George Delegas, Talia Steiman, Diana Eddowes, Nick Scibelli

Agenda

1. Approve minutes from previous REC meeting - approved by voice vote.
2. Finalize REC priorities for next 6 months, such as
 - a. "Green Building Ordinance" or similar - we want to present a set of principles and criteria to require a higher level of sustainability for new construction and renovation in Town, with an eye on Town Meeting in February. Ryan to include a copy of the SERC draft with minutes for REC comment. Concepts to consider including from an energy perspective: PV, sustainable & carbon sequestering materials, energy intensity standard (e.g., maximum EUI). Planning Board or Conservancy could propose other concepts (e.g., stormwater management, wetland and green space preservation). Implementation considerations - carrots and sticks for compliance (e.g., differential property tax rates/multipliers, free permits for PV). What are the consequences for affordable housing and financial equality? Ryan to discuss with Marzie and Neal on how to proceed.
 - b. EV adoption and charging station access - Talia presented some research. Very low availability of charging stations in Swampscott, Lynn, Marblehead. Costs approximately \$12k per station, some grant and public incentive funding available. Re-open the discussion with Town about opening the existing stations for public use (with a fee?) during certain hours to attract visitors to the King's Beach area . Also look for opportunities to install in Vinnin Square lots. (Tara to email Ron and Max cc Talia and Dave)
 - c. Increase participation in Home Energy Audit program (MassSave) - what is the current rate? How can the Town publicize and incentivize participation? Currently suspended during COVID-19 - revisit before end of 2020 to check status, work with Marzie (e.g., new Town newsletter, water/tax bill inserts).
 - d. GHG Inventory - revisit this in 1Q/2Q 2021
 - e. Community Solar - lower priority
3. Coordination with other Town Committees
 - a. School Building Committee - Sustainability Subcommittee. Ryan to forward next meeting details and Waring School Passive House Video.
 - b. Town Meeting, Capital Planning, Finance, etc. - no actions beyond 2a above.
 - c. Affordable Housing - Ryan to reach back out to Neal about how to make this connection
4. META Grant Status - per update from Max, this was not awarded. *"NG has also asked us to participate in a program to make the school net-zero ready. I plan to hold a Sustainability Subcommittee Meeting soon to discuss this. We did receive substantial grant funding to install EV stations at the High School. We still have some coordination work to do on our end, but I hope to push this forward."*
5. Green Communities milestones
 - a. Actions to complete previous grant cycle - on track
 - b. Grant applications for the upcoming cycle - Lighting upgrades, controls were previous topics. John to contact Max and Victoria to revisit the list of previously defined projects.

- c. Reporting milestones - Due November. Ryan to confirm with Marzie that it's on track.
- 6. Recruiting REC members
- 7. Other business

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