

WE3C Meeting Minutes, March 17, 2014, 7:00 p.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conf. Room, Town Hall

Present: Ken Mirvis, chair, Matt Riegert, Terese Hammerle, Brian Hebeisen, Meredith Fields; guest: John Massie, Next Step Living

Absent: Stephane Acel-Green, co-chair, Lauri Murphy, Greg Beach

1. Minutes approved 2/10/14 meeting.
2. Green Communities grant: Ken noted that annual report to Green Communities is completed and approved, town is now eligible for annual grant funding with application due 4/17. Ken spoke with Beth Greenblatt at GC, Raeleen Parsons and Steve Magoon. They came up with 3 options that met GC requirements for the application: a.) buy down a portion of ESCo (Energy Services Co) cost, b.) install solar thermal on fire and police stations, c.) finish replacing streetlights with high-efficiency LED lights. Committee supported option to apply for funding to finish replacing streetlights.
3. Solarize Watertown: John Massie from Next Step Living reported first contract was signed today for installation of photovoltaic solar panels on a home through Solarize Watertown program. More contracts are expected in the next 2 weeks. Another "Solar 201" informational event will be held April 7 at the Middle School. About 1000 homes in Watertown have been identified as good prospects for solar panel installation, and canvassing efforts focused on these homes have been underway. John asked for further ideas and assistance from the committee. Recruitment of volunteers, including adults and high school and middle school students perhaps through the churches and other community entities, was discussed. John will continue outreach to Chamber of Commerce, Ken to Watertown Community Foundation, Brian to Green Sanctuaries at UU Church, John will contact all local clergy. Information tables, posters and flyers, sandwich signs were discussed. Strategies for reaching landlords of rental properties were also discussed. John will organize a bi-monthly conference call focusing on continued outreach ideas and efforts with Matt, Ken, Brian, Terese and Meredith participating in the calls.
4. Mercury recycling: Terese is working with health dept about printing an insert to go in water bills giving specific information (what, where, when) about mercury recycling in Watertown. There was discussion of the committee helping DPW to publicize mercury recycling through sandwich boards and flyers.
5. Coliform contamination of river: Further exploration of problem pending hiring of town engineer. Committee will attempt to facilitate meeting of Watertown and Newton engineers, both town DPWs, Stormwater committee, and CRWA (Charles River Watershed Assoc.). Ken will stay in touch with Julie Wood, Chief Scientist at CRWA.

6. Next meeting April 9, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Fields