

WE3C minutes 6/17/13, 7 p.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> flr conf rm, Town Hall

Present: Ken Mirvis, chair, Stephane Acel-Green, co-chair, Matt Riegert, Lauri Murphy, Terese Hammerle, Jaime Haber, Charlie Bering, Meredith Fields; guests: John Massie, NSL (Next Step Living); Kathy Randel, Waltham Energy Action Committee

Absent: Peter Brooks, Brian Hebeisen

1. Minutes from 5/13/13 mtg accepted.
2. Co-ordination with Waltham Energy Action Committee: Kathy described how the Waltham committee is advisory to the mayor. They are interested in Watertown's experience with the ESCo and would like to know about the process, and data analysis about energy use and savings at the schools, town hall and other town buildings. Stephane has met with the Public Works subcommittee of town councilors (Vinnie Piccirilli, Cecelia Lenk and Steve Corbett) and with Michael Driscoll and Steve Magoon regarding the ESCo. Ken and Stephane will connect with the subcommittee regarding next steps and will invite them to the July WE3C meeting. Stephane encouraged the Waltham committee to make use of whatever WE3C information could be helpful.
3. NSL update:
  - a. Draft of letter of support for WISE (Watertown Initiative to Save Energy) was reviewed and suggestions for changes were made. Ken and Stephane will sign when letter is finalized.
  - b. Goal of 600 home energy efficiency assessments in 2013 is near halfway point. Campaign will continue with planning for outreach through summer and fall.
  - c. NSL plans to promote assessments for high-efficiency heating systems using heat pumps that are HEET-loan eligible. There was discussion of various types of heat pumps and NSL will provide more technical info to the committee.
  - d. Regarding solar installations, any done by NSL would count toward a MA Solarize grant. Solar installations will not be a primary focus for WISE, though NSL plans a solar program in Waltham later in the summer.
4. Sol Solutions update: Ken has been in touch with Sol Solutions and has gotten data of school roofs and school electricity use. Sol Solutions looked at the data and estimated a 20-year savings of \$730,000-\$2,000,000 for the 5 schools if solar power was in use. Kathy reported on experiences in Waltham with solar installations on school roofs, including need for attention to re-roofing timetables as well as to fire precautions and training. The question was raised of whether fire safety issues had been brought to the attention of Watertown Firefighters given the existing solar installation at the DPW. In moving forward with Sol Solutions, the committee recommends exploring the possibility of a pilot program at one school with a newer roof. Ken will follow up.

5. Electric Vehicle grant update: Only 1 vehicle at most would be likely this year, eligible for a \$5000 grant if meeting criteria. Jaime will follow up.

6. Mercury subcommittee update: Watertown mercury collection data shows we are far behind other towns. There is opportunity for concrete recommendations regarding increasing convenience for recycling with multiple drop-off sites. Subcommittee (Terese, Matt, Greg) will follow up.

7. Update on CEC grant to explore renewable energy opportunities: The Initial Advisory Committee meeting will be scheduled choosing from 3 potential dates. Members will include Ken, Stephane, Terese, Steve Magoon, town councilors, Bob Airasian from Chamber of Commerce, and persons representing the schools, the clergy, the arts, Watertown Local First, and Trees for Watertown. A public meeting to which regional experts will be invited will follow the Initial Advisory Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Fields