

WE3C minutes 10/20/14, 7:00 p.m., 3rd Floor Conf. Room, Town Hall

Present: Ken Mirvis, chair, Brian Hebeisen, Lauri Murphy, Matt Riegert, Charlie Bering, Kevin Doyle, Zach Zevitas, Meredith Fields; guest: Malcolm Bliss, NSL liaison

Absent: Stephane Acel-Green, co-chair, Terese Hammerle, Greg Beach

1. Minutes 9/29/14 meeting approved.
2. Energy Chapter of Watertown Comprehensive Plan: Discussion of recent review, suggestions, edits by WE3C members and by town planners and council members. Final version will be forthcoming from council. It is strongly supportive of increased use of renewable energy resources and of increased energy efficiency in municipal buildings and operations and in private sector.
3. Developing list of current WE3C goals: Discussion continued from Sept meeting regarding committee's current goals. Brian suggested including a recommendation to town for completion of street light conversion to LED's as cost-effective despite lack of grant money to complete the project. Ken and Meredith noted continued interest among committee members and others in town in developing incentives for landlords to weatherize and reduce energy consumption. Meredith suggested WE3C input into new Victory Field Part 2 planning process. Brian will circulate email among committee members to further develop list of current goals.
4. Energy manager: Ken reported news from Steve Magoon, Asst Town Manager, that interviews have been completed, hiring is expected soon.
5. Next Step Living: Malcolm presented very positive stats compiled from NSL customer reviews for past 1.5 year, noted rapid growth of company and on-going efforts to be responsive to all complaints. He has been in touch with Stephane and with Aaron Dushku, town councilor, about addressing any complaints; there are no major complaints currently in process from Watertown homeowners, landlords or tenants. Kevin noted that utilities consider NSL to be outstanding among the weatherization and energy efficiency companies. Malcolm, Stephane and Ken are drafting a letter to go to community businesses offering NSL information tables. Malcolm and Matt will do outreach regarding progress on solar installations among Solarize customers.
6. New WE3C membership: Kevin and Zach will submit letters of interest to Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, with copies to Ken and to Raeleen Parsons. Committee welcomes their intent to become members.
7. WE3C chairmanship: Ken will continue as chair while awaiting replacement to step forward.

Next meeting: Mon, Nov 17, 7 p.m.

Meeting schedule: 11/17/14, 12/15/14, 1/12/15, 2/9/15, 3/23/15, 4/13/15, 5/18/15

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Fields