

# **Watertown Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes April 24, 2017**

### **OPENING:**

The April 24, 2017 meeting of *Watertown's Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee* (WE3C) was opened by Ed Lewis at 7:05pm in Town Hall's third floor conference room.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

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| <b>Committee Members &amp; Guests (in alphabetical order)</b> |
| Andrew Airasian                                               |
| Charlies Bering                                               |
| Emma Clement                                                  |
| Andre Compagna                                                |
| Emily DeLuca                                                  |
| Jacqui Gross                                                  |
| Brian Hebeisen                                                |
| Lauri Murphy                                                  |
| Sean O'Hern                                                   |
| Varun Saluja                                                  |
| Helen Soussou                                                 |
| Jeanne Trubek                                                 |
| <b>Watertown Staff Liaison</b>                                |
| Edward Lewis – Energy Manager                                 |
| <b>Guest Speakers</b>                                         |
| Jocelyn Tager – Neighborhood Solar Program Director           |
| Mike Ozog - SunBug Solar, Neighborhood Solar Developer        |

### **AGENDA:**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Presentation / Q&A on Neighborhood Solar
3. Energy Manager Report
4. Discussion / prioritization of potential WE3C projects
5. New Business

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### **1) Welcome and introductions:**

In attendance was a mix of long term WE3C members, several people who have either applied to be on the Committee or have expressed an interest in joining along with multiple residents and our guest speakers.

### **2) Presentation / Q&A on Neighborhood Solar:**

- Jocelyn Tager – Neighborhood Solar Program Director
- Mike Ozog - SunBug Solar – Neighborhood Solar Developer

The Committee thanks Ms. Tager and Mr. Ozog for their very comprehensive and interactive review of the fourth iteration of the Neighborhood Solar Program.

Neighborhood Solar is a program run by a Watertown resident (Ms. Tager) which allows households to utilize a local supplier to participate in a discounted volume purchase for high quality Solar PV or Solar thermal installations.

A detailed history of the Neighborhood Solar program was provided, along with a very helpful discussion on the economics of solar (including details on the MASS and federal incentive programs) finishing up with a 'Solar Design 101' discussion.

The Neighborhood Solar program has run successfully in the past, with over 400 kW of installed solar PV, and the newest iteration of the program started on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and sign-ups run thru July 31<sup>st</sup>. All arrays purchased under this program are targeted to be in production by the end of the year so they will be eligible for the full array of incentives currently offered.

Neighborhood Solar is open to all residents, businesses, or nonprofits of Arlington, Cambridge, Somerville and Watertown.

Inquires can be sent to Jocelyn Tager at:

[info@neighborhoodsolar.org](mailto:info@neighborhoodsolar.org)

A link to the Neighborhood Solar website follows:

<http://www.neighborhoodsolar.org/>

### **3) Energy Manager Report:**

Deferred to next meeting

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### **4) Discussion / prioritization of potential WE3C projects:**

Deferred to next meeting

### **5) New Business:**

- Minutes from the March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 WE3C meeting were approved.

### **6) Scheduled WE3C Meetings:**

Unless otherwise noted meetings are held 7:00PM the third Monday of the month in the Town Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room. The public is welcome at all meetings.

- May 15<sup>th</sup> - 7:00PM
- June 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00PM
- July 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00PM

### **Town events of interest:**

Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> - Arbor Day Event at the Commander's Mansion - 11am-2pm

<http://www.ci.watertown.ma.us/DocumentCenter/View/22042>

Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Styrofoam collection for recycling – Watertown Recycle Center 10am-2pm. Note – no 'peanuts' but packing foam, coolers, clamshell containers, coffee cups and white food trays are accepted.

<http://www.ci.watertown.ma.us/DocumentCenter/View/22040>

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> - Hazardous Waste Collection – LEXINGTON DPW – note – no charge to Watertown residents but must have ID or utility bill showing Watertown address

<http://www.ci.watertown.ma.us/DocumentCenter/View/22054>

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

*Minutes submitted by: Edward Lewis, April 26, 2017*