

Minutes: Town of Watertown Environment & Energy Efficiency Committee
(WE3C),
May 20, 2019, 7 p.m., 3rd Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

Minutes

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m., chaired by Meredith Fields. Introductions were made. Attending members and citizens: Ed Lewis (Town Energy Manager), Andrew Airasian Helen Soussou, Brian Hebeisen, Lauri Murphy, Stephen Steadman, Lisa Feltner (town councilor), and Jeanne Trubek.

1. The committee approved the meeting minutes from April.

2. Andy is now co-chair with Meredith. Jeanne is temporarily acting as note-taker and writer-of-the-minutes.

3. Announcements

- Watertown Faces Climate Change (WFCC) meeting Monday 5/27 at 4:15 p.m. at the Residence

-The next School Building Committee meeting is Thursday 6/5 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers (to be preceded by Sustainability Subcommittee meeting at 5 p.m.) These are important.

-Saturday, 6/8 there is a fundraiser for Teens 4 Trees at the Branch Line Patio, 321 Arsenal St, 1:00 – 3:00

- Next WE3C meeting will be Monday 6/17

4. Discussion of Co-chair role: Andy and Meredith will split responsibility for working groups. Next meeting we will update working groups.

5. Energy Manager's Report

- Green Community grants: the LED retrofit projects at Saltonstall Park and the Library and behind CVS are finished. The only parking lot left to do is the municipal lot in Coolidge Square. Also, lighting projects at DPW, Middle School and Skating Rink are finished.

Watertown Electricity Choice (WEC) Update- We are waiting for Eversource Summer rates. They must come out soon, as required by law (they start July 1). As soon as the rates come out the working group will schedule a meeting with town council. We have asked to appear before town council on May 28.

6. Working Group updates

School Building Committee working group: At our last meeting we discussed drafting a letter of support from WE3C to the School Building Committee to thank them for their support and encourage continued commitment to efficiency and environmental considerations. Andy, Meredith and Ed drafted a letter. We proposed changing the word “certifiability” to “certification”, understanding that, as the letter reads, it is a goal. With this change, we approved the letter.

The sustainability subcommittee of the School Building Committee will soon make a statement on sustainability goals. WE3C directed the School Building Committee working group to make recommendations to the sustainability subcommittee and/or the full School Building committee.

Composting The working group recommends that the town re-activate the recycling committee. We will send a letter to the Town Council with this recommendation.

The remaining working group reports were postponed until the June meeting.

Next meeting June 17.

8:30 Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
J. Trubek