

Minutes: Town of Watertown Environment & Energy Efficiency Committee,
May 21, 2018, 7 p.m. 3rd Floor Conference Room, Town Hall

Agenda

7:00 Welcome and introductions

7:05 Announcements and approval of minutes of 4/23/18 meeting

7:10 Working group reports, discussion and new projects:

- School Building Committee: WE3C recommendations
- Watertown Electricity Choice aggregation program update
- WE3C library developed by Resources Working Group
- Transportation Working Group: electric bus proposal, EV charging stations
- Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory Working Group
- Climate and Energy Master Plan proposal

8:15 Energy Manager Report

8:30 Adjourn

Minutes

The meeting was opened by Ed Lewis at 7:08 p.m. Abbreviated introductions were made. Attending members and citizens: Brian Hebeisen, Ed Lewis (Town Energy Manager), Emma Clement, Sean O'Hern, Gary Brock, Lauri Murphy, Ari Stern, Helen Soussou, and Andrew Airasian.

7:08 (No new announcements)

7:13 School Building Committee (SBC) report

- Sean O'Hern presented updates on SBC activity
- SBC discussions have focused on discrepancies between the master study cost estimate by SMMA and the more recent, higher AI3 estimates
- AI3 performing detailed engineering assessments that will also involve preparing lower cost options
- Discussion of the possibility of SBC and/or Council members touring modernized efficient schools in Cambridge
- Discussed importance of establishing roof design as "solar ready", if solar generation cannot be incorporated into current project

- next SBC meetings 5/30, 6/6, and 6/20, with 6/20 intended as a public forum

7:40 Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) update

- Draft plan submitted to Dept of Energy Resources (DOER), call w/ Peregrine scheduled for 6/1 w/ Town
- Discussed holding initial public meeting hosted by WE3C, possibly around 6/18, to fulfill DPU requirement. Lower conference room suggested. Could be filmed by local access cable.
- Discussed outreach options prior to public meeting (WFCC, Tab, Senior Center)
- Ed to draft a press release in preparation for public hearing

7:50 Resources Working Group update

- Lauri has sent out the list via Google Sheets, and will grant edit permission for people who request it

7:53 Transportation Working Group

- Ed reported on MAPC efforts to install electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, and he has requested five stations for Watertown
- Eversource is making funds available for charging station infrastructure

7:57 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory

- Ari described standard protocols for such inventories, and suggested that both municipal and community inventories could be done
- Ari to provide protocol information to Ed for distribution, as well as information on Somerville's GHG inventory

8:23 Master Plan Working Group

- Ed reported that this working group is considering a scope of supply document that could be presented to consulting firms for bid proposals

8:24 Energy Manager's Report

- Ed described the recent formation of a Public Buildings Department, that does not yet have final approval or funding but will demand some of his time, particularly in the area of building maintenance planning and optimization

8:28 Meeting closed

Respectfully submitted,
A. Airasian