

Minutes, WE3C meeting 1/11/12

Present: Ken Mirvis, chair, Stephane Acel-Green, co-chair, Matt Riegert, Peter Brooks, Charlie Bering, Lauri Murphy, Meredith Fields

1. Minutes from 12/6/11 meeting approved.
2. Updates are needed regarding streetlight conversion progress and ESCo audit. Ken and Stephane will contact Raeleen Parsons for current status of these projects.
3. Peter Brooks is willing to serve as liaison between Next Step Living (NSL) and the town if the town enters into a memorandum of understanding with NSL to offer energy audits, weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades to homeowners. Ken and Stephane will recommend this to Michael Driscoll, town manager, on behalf of the committee.
4. Open discussion of ideas and goals for the committee for 2012:
 - a. Stephane is interested in researching decreasing municipal energy use during peak demand times and financial incentives for this as a money-saving opportunity.
 - b. Matt is interested in what grants may be available and will keep track of DOER and what is going on with Green Communities.
 - c. Meredith will monitor MCAN (Mass Climate Action Network) news and opportunities.
 - d. Charlie is interested in whether a significant solar installation in town is feasible and will talk with Steve Magoon, Dan Driscoll of DCR and others; possible co-ordination with Green Harvard was discussed.
 - e. The committee intends to continue to offer educational programs in 2012.
 - f. Meredith is interested in ways the town can make use of compost from yard waste and will contact Terese Hammerle about what she knows about this.
 - g. The committee is interested in knowing the current status of single-stream recycling and how well it works. Terese will be contacted.
 - h. There was discussion of energy and environmental mitigation/trade-offs in regard to town planning; Steve Magoon to be contacted.
 - i. There is interest in a carbon-footprint analysis for town buildings and activities. Data may be available from the ESCo audit. Also, Lauri will contact Lisa Alexander for info.
 - j. Lauri hopes the committee continues to focus on ways homes and businesses can improve energy efficiency. Follow-up with Bob Araisian at the Chamber of Commerce is needed.

Next meetings: Wed Feb 8, Wed Mar 7.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Fields

