

~~Draft~~ WE3C Meeting Minutes, 4/9/14, 7 p.m., 3rd Floor Conf. Room, Town Hall

Present: Ken Mirvis, chair, Stephane Acel-Green, co-chair, Matt Riegert, Terese Hammerle, Brian Hebeisen, Meredith Fields

Absent: Lauri Murphy

1. Minutes approved 3/17/14 meeting.
2. Solarize Watertown: Matt reported second “201” meeting on 4/7 at Middle School went well with good turnout and considerable interest. Another 201 meeting will be held next month. There was discussion of ~~of~~ continued efforts to publicize the Solarize program, conference call to be held tonight with John Massie at Next Step Living regarding this. There was discussion of on-going need to clarify the purchase and lease options available. Ken and Matt will write a letter to the Tab in response to the article reporting concern about \$3000~~.~~ down for the lease option. This initial cost can be financed by a loan and is offset by significantly better electricity rates over the 20 years of the contract.
3. Next Step Living home weatherizations: Stephane reported [that he had no](#) recent data needed from NSL~~.~~; ~~h~~[H](#)e will contact John Massie.
4. Green Communities grant application [is](#) due 4/19 for funding to complete streetlight conversions to high-efficiency LED lights. Brian and Stephane will work from past Green Communities application and will contact Beth Greenblatt, consultant, and Joanne Bisette at DOER for help with the process.
5. PV readiness for town roofs: Brian noted that several town roofs are scheduled for replacement, he is interested in making sure they are replaced in a manner than makes them solar-ready. White roofs to reflect sunlight and cut cooling costs and “green” roofs were also suggested. Brian will contact town planner Steve Magoon to discuss roofs.
6. Environmental caucus/forum: There was discussion of holding a public meeting with town council invited to discuss town-wide environment and energy efficiency projects, ambitions and goals. Committee hopes to plan this event for fall 2014.
7. Mercury recycling: Terese talked with Pat Scanlon about printing and mailing fliers to publicize importance of mercury recycling and how/where to recycle mercury-containing items. Cost to print and mail to all 15,000 households would be about \$4200. Terese wonders if a small grant could be found for this. There was also discussion of possible town funding of this as a public health initiative, and possible insertion of a flier in water bills. Further public education could be done through posters and sandwich boards. Terese will continue contact with DPH on this project.

8. Charles River coliform contamination: No news on town engineer hiring. Ken will continue contact with Julie Wood at Charles River Watershed Association.

9. Next meeting 5/12/14.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Fields