

WE3C meeting 11/10/11

Present: Ken Mirvis, Matt Riegert, Terese Hammerle, Meredith Fields

1. Minutes from October meeting approved.
2. Ken announced meeting on 12/1/11 7-9 pm in council chambers on GSA (General Services Admin) property (near east end of Arsenal St and river) to summarize site conditions and planned reuse, extent of contamination, health and ecological risks, remedial alternatives, preferred response action.
3. Updates on current projects:
 - a. ESCo: moving forward, overseen by Raeleen Parsons (purchasing), Michael Driscoll (town manager), Phyllis Marshall (treasurer).
 - b. LED streetlight conversion: town has agreed to add \$75,000 to Green Communities grant, collaborating with town of Arlington to release RFP's for installation (labor and equipment), to be done by 12/31/11. The town anticipates a 4 year payback time on installation via electricity costs saved.
4. Terese announced she is starting an environmental organization with colleagues from recycling committee and elsewhere, will have website with news.
5. 2 new grants opportunities discussed:
 - a. DOER "Solarize MA" for residential and business rooftop solar promoting PV (photovoltaic) solar is going well in the pilot town of Winchester for our area. DOER is asking other communities to participate. Ken suggests everyone review and prepare to discuss at next meeting.
 - b. Community Innovation Challenge Grant, appl. Deadline 1/15/2012. This offers a \$500,000 state incentive for local governments to increase efficiency through collaboration with other towns. A subcommittee to generate ideas is needed: Ken, Stephane, Doug, Terese, Charlie, Matt, Mer, others please?
6. Discussion of researching experiences of other towns who have engaged in memorandum of understanding with Next Step Living (NSL). Plan to make calls to other towns to ask: What is the value of NSL working with your town? What has worked well with NSL in your town, what could work better? How is NSL responding to your feedback? Are they timely? What should we know before getting into a relationship with NSL? Communities/entities to contact are Lowell, Needham, Lexington, Melrose, South Coast Energy Challenge. Stephane, Ken, Meredith, Matt, Terese will make calls.

Upcoming WE3C meeting calendar:

Tues Dec 6

Wed Jan 11

Wed Feb 8

Wed Mar 7

Respectfully submitted, Meredith Fields

