

WE3C Mtg. Minutes, Feb 10, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Ground Floor Conf. Room, Town Hall

Present: Ken Mirvis, chair, Greg Beach, Brian Hebeisen, Meredith Fields

Absent: Stephane Acel-Green, Terese Hammerle, Lauri Murphy, Matt Reigert

1. Minutes approved 1/13/14 meeting.
2. NSL (Next Step Living) update: plan increased outreach for home energy efficiency assessments with tables at Russo's, Stop & Shop, elsewhere.
3. Solarize Watertown update: NSL has been selected as vendor, outreach plan sent today. John Massie and Travis Estes from NSL met with Matt, Ken and Greg to review marketing plan. Matt is attending to all details of the Solarize plan.
4. CFL's and mercury recycling update: Ken requested discussion with DPW subcommittee to pursue recycling.
5. Charles River coliform contamination update: Meeting pending hiring of town engineer.
6. Town Energy Manager grant: Ken and Brian have been working on proposal to go to Raelen Parsons tomorrow.
7. Green Communities Competitive Grant application due by March 31, questions to be submitted by March 21. Grant awards up to \$250,000 with special opportunities if 20% reduction of energy use. Priorities are energy use reduction and shovel-readiness of projects. Solar PV excluded. Potential projects discussed were remaining streetlight conversions to LED, traffic light conversions, ESCO add-ons (project wish-list items not currently committed), solar thermal (hot water) and/or air source heat pump projects for municipal buildings, bike trails and bike lanes. Ken will check with Steve Magoon about bike lane plans.
8. Medium and long-term goals to be revisited in future committee discussions after current GC Grant application were also discussed. These included aerobic digester (town or regional) for energy capture from waste stream (food and yard waste), white roofs and light-color parking lots for reflectance and decreased summer heat absorption, green roofs, tree canopies to reduce urban heat island effect, PV canopies for parking lots, urban food production strategies. There was discussion of looking at what other Green Communities have done; Greg will research.
9. Next meeting March 17, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Fields

