

Notes of WEAC meeting - June 15, 2016 (not called to order, no quorum)
7:30 Westwood Town Hall

Present: Stephen Shinopoulos, Tim D'Souza's (Direct Energy Solar), Tom Philbin, John Hickey, Emmy Behlau,(arrived late), and Claire Galkowski (arrived late)

The main focus of the meeting was the presentation from Tim D'Souza on approaches to promote a town-wide solarize program. He emphasized that reduced solar incentives should not dissuade us from encouraging solar adoption among Westwood residents, as solar panel installation is still very affordable and cost effective with the current subsidies.

Regarding the economy of scale if a large group of Westwood residents were to adopt solar panels at the same time, he said that even a group as small as 4 residents would still receive a favorable price compared to an individual paying for solar panels on his/her own. On top of that, he mentioned that at 50 adopters we would receive a free solar system, and that at 100 adopters we would receive a larger system. It was not clear how much the residents would save on the installation costs.

He did mention that, as an employee of Direct Energy Solar, he does have a vested interest in solar adoption through his company. He offered to connect us with residents of other towns such as, Belmont, Wellesley, and Concord in order to help us draft an RFP.

Director of Energy Efficiency Tom Philbin reported that the Town had 2 electric Nissan Leafs and 2 EV charging stations on order for the DPW, with EV charging stations planned for the Senior center, High school, and Library.

The other agenda items were not discussed because of a lack of a quorum.