

WEAC 9-13-12

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Chris Gallagher

7:41, call to order

Recycling: WM sent out first postcard, deliver carts starting 10/1, start collecting 10/15

Next mailing being printed tomorrow. People are requesting smaller containers.

Trash talk, 11/14, Little Theater, reserved 6:30-9; start at 7:30. WM will come.

Collect old containers at DPW, dates TBD; also on Recycling Day in May

WEAC Westwood day handout/demo: Items that don't go in the recycling cart. WM has a guide of what is recyclable, what is trash, what is neither. Handout: 1 pager, things that can be recycled elsewhere.

Plastic bags, textiles, CFLs,

WM Bagster costs \$30 at Home depot, costs \$175 for pickup. WM gave DPW a supply of 50, to give to people for free.

Textile container at Islington lot to raise money for WEAC/Town? CG circulated a draft letter to BoS with request. Submitted draft to Chris, he will review. Be more proactive.

Send draft letter after Mike Jaillet review from WEAC? TP, JG, Aif.

Container at schools(s)- spoke with Ken A, Heath P, no response. Identify other locations: Town Hall, Tot lot? Need to advertise. We have budget, can advertise in paper.

Energy plan: TP MassSave will put money up for project, interest is paid from NStar incentive, reducing the amount of the incentive. Time it to maintain positive cash flow. Infrastructure improvements paid for by energy savings. Performance guarantees if energy savings are not a sure thing.

PK took audit information from school projects (K Aries), school wish list. Not clear if we can get credit for work already done. Lighting at MS is big. All schools on natural gas heat. Will write up summary. GC needs cost of upgrades, NStar incentives, payback, very detailed. Spend \$250K, save \$75K/year on schools. CG working on FY12 baseline energy use. Automatic entry of data into School Dude? Not yet. Hard to get data, has been 4 years. CG has new staff, centralizing energy bills for muni bldgs at DPW. 9 buildings, 3 utilities. Each garage billed separately. MassEnergy Insight (automatic updates) didn't work. JG can set up a computer program to automate data entry.

New library energy use will be adjusted in to calculation of energy reduction. Need to provide feedback to building users about energy use, to help them be mindful of usage. TP- can put in LED sign that shows consumption.

Demand Response program: turn on our emergency diesel generators twice a year, get big rebates from NStar.

Smart Grid pinpoints energy drains (electricity, gas, water), TP has discussed with KA. Use for DR, diagnose circuit problems, lights etc can be controlled remotely.

NStar will reply on incentives this month. DPW has ~ \$100K in budget for efficiency projects, estimate \$30K incentives from NStar. Horizon Solutions proposed \$350K in muni bldgs energy efficiency upgrades in July. Included lighting, heating. Pared down to \$150K in actual projects, 4-5 year payback. (non school).

Need good baseline data for GC grant to base on 20% energy use redux over 5 years.

PK to CG: Need to separate gasoline from diesel use. Need accurate vehicle list from dpw, including what vehicles will be replaced and eliminated.

Need to be on school committee agenda, 10/18; need to submit something from them for GC application. Need SComm signature on 5 year 20% energy reduction plan.

Next meeting: JG report on emergency preparedness.