

Westwood Environmental Action Committee Minutes 3/14/13

Present: Carolyn O'Connor, Jan Galkowski, Maria Constantini, Pam Kane, Peter Kane, Wendy Muellers, Tom Philbin, Claire Galkowski

April 1, 10:30 Green Community ceremony; who will go? JG, CG, PK, PK, TP, several town officials, Commr. Ken Kimmel. Location TBD. Get a check, Big Belly solar compactor. Have 2 already (just trash, not recycle).

TM report: what should we include? GC info; recycling upgrades, and trash talk; 3rd annual Recycle Day in May; Westwood Day, 8th Annual Earth Week; Real time electric metering device at HS; Plans to install wireless electric control meter at all schools; continue to work with DPW, schools to reduce energy.

Installed real time electric use monitoring device at HS in Feb, stopped working for a time, trying to figure out cause. Will install in other schools. Can control all electric items from control panel (wireless). Hope to get into library, shut lights and other systems when not in use. \$250/month for all schools. Can save 10-25% of energy cost. Can program to turn on and off automatically, based on scheduled activities. Can be overridden by Ken. Monitor notifies Ken if anything is awry. Mass Energy Insight stopped reporting end of December.

Bldg and Energy Conference: PK learned of workshop to tune up steam boilers; 5 schools have.

Alliance for Climate Education does school assemblies. Ask Emily Parks if we could bring in to Westwood.

Recycling: Wendy's Article was in Westwood Newsletter, just out. Need signs for 4/27 Recycling Day. 8-12:30.

Follow up on textile regs, Christine McCarthy. DPW also.

Earth Week: Townwide Cleanup; 10 people are already signed up. Need to check on bags with DPW. 4/20-4/28. Have done as many as 70 locations. Add instructions for recyclable items, if DPW can get 2 different color bags.

What do we want to accomplish this year?

- Get and analyze data on trash routes, compare year over year pre and post automated.
- Library tour.
- Go to a Westwood Day planning meeting to encourage sustainable practices, zero waste. MC will contact Dave Burns or Taryn Crocker, Rec. Dept.
- Middle school gas consumption can be cut dramatically with proper attention. Deep energy audits for all schools. High energy use at HS in summer- AC. Is funding available for energy upgrades to improve efficiency.
- Website, video work. Meet with Steven K.