

WEAC Monthly Meeting: 2012-01-12

Minutes Two months. (Several people arrived thinking there was a Planning Board meeting here.) November and December approved. Send again.

Joanne Bissetta, DOER, Green Communities, STRETCH Code.
3rd Friday of May for final on STRETCH Code. Green Communities takes longer because of paperwork and plan.

Need at least 50,000 square feet of developable space... for Westwood's choice for development, R&D. Next criterion is energy tracking ... Mass Energy is tracking, post-remediation study was done showing results. Make sure have baseline for town's energy footprint... Water pumps ... Sewer pumps.

We began plan using intern. The plan will describe how to reduce and measure w.r.t. baseline. Mass Energy Insight.

Efficient vehicle energy policy ... Draft policy doesn't include Miles Per Gallon, so cited by reference. Vehicle policy needs to be documented as an inventory.

<http://www.mass.gov/energy/greencommunities>;
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DOER Web site.

STRETCH Code: Meeting 24th with Westwood Finance Committee ("Fincomm").

Sudbiry Building Inspector testimonials ... Need to educate builders. Doesn't increase workload ... Makes things easier because HERS Rater is there. High "return on investment".

National Association of Industrial and Office Properties.

Automatically votes in Appendix.

"Educate, educate, educate".

ICF is still on contract doing outreach. Farmers Market at Senior Center. Webinars available at Web site. Green buildings rent faster and operate more cost effectively.

Peter will scan NAIOP letter and send to Joanne tonight.

Commercial STRETCH is either 20% model ASHRAE or can use prescriptive requirements. Renovations are exempt. Supermarkets that are large are subject to special requirements.

Need LATEST version of STRETCH Code text.

There are demos and training. There are 30+% homes which are EnergyStar homes, a tougher standard. North Acton Recreation Area Marketed as EnergyStar homes, \$565,000 each. Selling. 2213 square feet.

Builders at meeting ... Try to get the Building Inspector on board.

How much lead time do we need to get experts. Trash Talk in February? March? Depends upon DPW Director Vicky Quiram.

People want numbers. Home additions are pretty easy.

Peter thinks 3 air exchanges per hour or less is threshold for ventilation. Can trade off with other energy efficiency measures, but forthcoming standard is tighter, 3 air exchanges per hour against 7 air exchanges per hour now.

Do town presentation on STRETCH 3-4 weeks before Town Meeting. Week of April 9th starting. Town Meeting is May 7.

Tues-Wed-Thurs are best.

Building codes will get updated Spring 2012 thru Summer 2013.

Work on energy reduction plan, most recent guidance on Web site, Criterion III, plan.

Spoke after Wendy's question about LED street lights. MAPC governs this.

Population of 15,000, socioeconomic status like _____. About \$130,000 and, after leveraging, worth about \$300,000.

Action ITEMS:

(1) Copy of NAIOP letter to Joanne.

(2) Check on 120 vs 115 in Warrant Articles.

(3) Someone needs to go to School Committee to review efficient vehicle policy, after meeting with Vicky Q and Chris Gallagher. Selectmen, too.

(4) Phil Shapiro is head of Business (sub)committee.

(5) Get Antonucci to endorse STRETCH Code. He can help us get the money.

February 9th ... Claire has a conflict with Scituate, where she needs to make a presentation. Change to 16th? DONE.

Electronics recycling being done last Saturday of April, Lion's Club (?). So probably don't want scheduled so close to theirs.

(6) Textile recycling is too modest. Westwood is probably throwing away \$26,000 worth of textiles. Meetings with Heath Patraca and Paul Curry, Bay State Textiles.

Claire will call Heath Patraca 781-326-7500, x1344.

First Parish Westwood willing to give up a parking space for container in profit sharing?
Contact is Church Secretary. Scholarship at high school?