

**Location and time:** Online meeting, August 20, 7:30 pm

**Members in attendance:** Stephen Harte (Chair), Julie Gervais (Vice Chair), Claire Galkowski, Kate La Croix (Secretary), Jen Atkins

**Others in attendance:** Maria Costantini

### **Routine Business**

Approval of minutes. Minutes from the July 2020 meeting were amended and approved.

### **Topics Discussed**

#### **Update on proposed solar installation at Shuttleworth Field:**

There was a discussion on the draft FAQs we started to put together for possible dissemination in town. It was suggested that the hard data (i.e., on carbon emissions savings, etc.) might need review and revision. Some edits to wording and format were also suggested.

#### **Next steps:**

1. Tom to review numbers proposed by Claire.
2. Kate to make revisions once approved, and once finalized, send to Tish Healey so that she can send the information to Nancy Hyde for review.
3. Kate to ask Tom re: possibility of him doing an interview with the Westwood Media Center on the topic of the solar array.

#### **Update from Julie on the school building project:**

Overall, discussions seem to be moving in a positive direction with respect to sustainability. Julie summarized two main points from last meeting:

1. Regarding HVAC, a “fossil fuel free school” has been recommended by the subcommittee. The possibility of geothermal is being considered.
2. There was a discussion about installing a water cistern to use for field watering; however, such a cistern would only meet 15% of the total irrigation needs. As a result, the subcommittee did not recommend it.

**Next steps:** None at this time.

#### **Update on sustainability initiatives and legislation on MA Renewable Energy Act:**

There was a group discussion about whether we want to put forward another non-binding resolution or warrant article regarding net zero energy for the town. It was noted that we might need such a resolution or article for future projects. It was also noted that we do not know at this time where in the state legislative process the MA Renewable Energy Act is. Overall, we did not feel that we had enough information to decide whether to pursue or abandon the idea of another resolution or warrant article. It was recommended that we all familiarize ourselves with the relevant portions of the Westwood Comprehensive Plan in order to determine priorities.

**Next steps:**

1. WEAC members to read resiliency and sustainability sections of the Westwood Comprehensive Plan draft sent by Julie for discussion at next meeting.

**Public comments:**

1. From Maria Costantini: a suggestion that we add "Put together by WEAC" on the Shuttleworth solar array FAQs and run the idea by Tish Healey before sending the document.

**Items for next agenda:**

1. Revisit discussion on priorities for a possible resolution or warrant article pertaining to net zero energy for Westwood.
2. Given concerns about COVID-19, will Westwood Recycling Day happen?

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting; September 17 at 7:30 p.m.